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INTRODUCTION

DURING the greater part of the period 1671–3 the Company's affairs were overshadowed by the war with Holland, and the Court Minutes necessarily reflect the Company's anxieties regarding their trade and possessions, the measures taken for the safety of their ships, and, when peace negotiations were started, their efforts to secure that they should not be overlooked in the settlement of terms, particularly as regards their old grievances against the Dutch.

After the declaration of war in March 1672 the Company were empowered to engage four ships, for the King's service, to be employed as cruisers to the westward to give notice of the war to all British and Irish ships that they might meet (p. 124). The *Newcastle* and other ships of the Royal Navy were appointed to convoy the Company's inward vessels into the Downs (p. 129 et seq.). In July 1672 the Governor was summoned to attend the King at Whitehall, who told him of 'the great care he had for preserving the East India fleet in this present juncture of affairs' (p. 143). Later, when the Company were considering the steps to be taken as regards their trade in the following year (1673), representations were made to the King, who was graciously pleased to answer and encourage their desire to carry on their trade 'notwithstanding the continued breach between this Kingdom and Holland'.

Sir Andrew Riccard and Robert Thomson were again elected Governor and Deputy respectively in April 1671, and they were followed in these positions by Sir John Banks and Nathaniel Herne in the two ensuing years.

Probably one of the most important events recorded in this volume, in the opinion of the adventurers, was the payment of a dividend for the first time since 1666. The question was considered early in 1671 (p. 33). The stock had been much reduced in 1666, there being then little opportunity to trade because of the war with the Dutch, and since then, it was explained, it had been necessary to employ all the stock and profits arising from it, and also to take up great sums of money at interest to carry on the trade. The Company 'having by the blessing of God, supplied the trade with a convenient stock and seeing that the adventurers desired something', the Court resolved to declare a dividend of 10 per cent—to be allowed to buyers at the next sale in payment of goods and to be paid to others in ready money as fast as it might be

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received. This might seem, the Governor said, a small proportion after so many years—'God having so much blessed our affairs'—yet for the reasons stated it could not be greater; in the event of continued prosperity the Court would be ready to make such further dividend as would be consistent with carrying on the trade and keeping up their credit (p. 33). In April 1672 a further dividend of 20 per cent was ordered to be issued to all adventurers immediately after a sale was sanctioned, those buying goods at the sale being allowed the dividend in part payment of the same (p. 121). In September 1672 the Generality were informed that, 'it having pleased God to give the Company a considerable return from India this year, the Court have decided to issue a dividend which they hoped to have been able to pay in ready money, but cannot, the urgency of their affairs requiring all that can be raised; but for the satisfaction of the adventurers and to encourage the sale, they have issued one on the terms stated [i.e. 20 per cent], in payment (without discount) for goods bought at the next sale', while those who did not buy had to wait for a cash payment until May 1673 (pp. 168, 169). Towards the end of 1673 a further dividend of 20 per cent was paid, but warrants were not to be delivered to the adventurers until they had cleared their accounts with the Company (pp. 290–1).

When the current Joint Stock was started in 1657 it was laid down that a valuation should be made at the end of the first seven years, followed by others at intervals of three years.[1] This requirement was duly carried out in 1664; but soon afterwards a fresh plan was adopted,[2] by which valuations were in future to be made every seven years or sooner. In accordance with this arrangement a valuation of the General Joint Stock, as on April 30, 1671, was presented in August of that year. It showed stock and debts owing to the Company amounting to £1,003,211; on the other side, debts of £361,287 to several persons, leaving a balance of £645,827 less a liability of £36,989 in respect of the dividend declared in the previous May. There were also considerable contingent profits and 'desperate' debts of £65,543. It was hoped that on the cargoes of twelve ships arrived from the East there would be a clear profit of 50 per cent (p. 70). In the Ledger there still stood £1,700 to the credit of the Trustees of the United Stock.

The ships of the season 1670–1 (five for Bantam and ten for Surat and

[1] See vol. v (1655–9), p. 173.
[2] See vol. vii (1664–7), p. 133, note.

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Madras, referred to in the previous volume, p. vi),[1] carried cargoes of the total value of £294,000. The Bantam ships were ordered to go in company as far as St. Iago (one of the Cape Verd Islands), with guns mounted and decks cleared for defence in case of attack. On arrival at St. Iago 'twenty lusty young negroes, ten men and ten women (for their wives)' were to be bought, for Bantam, as cheaply as possible, not exceeding forty or fifty rials each (p. 6). The five ships for Madras touched at Falmouth, and then put to sea on February 1, 1671 (p. 11). The *Anne* (Capt. Z. Browne), which had returned from Bantam in April, was again sent there in June carrying 40,000 dollars, followed by the *Experiment*,[2] the *Return*, and the *Zante Frigate* in September (cargo £27,000). In December four ships[3] left for Madras, accompanied by the *Anne* (Capt. A. Dawes) for Bantam, with a cargo of £161,000 (pp. 75–6). During the year fifteen of the Company's ships arrived home.[4]

News was received in July 1672 that the *Falcon* had been captured by a Flushing man-of-war off the Lizard in June and taken to Bergen, whereupon the King was asked to approach the King of Denmark for the arrest of the ship, and of the man-of-war and her commander for piracy. The Company desired that two frigates might be sent to Bergen, as although letters had been sent to Copenhagen 'no arrest is like a man-of-war to be by the ship and come out with her if she does'. The Company suggested that in any case the frigates were as likely to find prize that way as any other (pp. 156–8).

In 1672 fifteen[5] vessels arrived home. In February five ships[6] were sent to Bantam (cargo £30,000), followed by four[7] for Surat in March (cargo £85,000). The *Humphrey and Elizabeth* (Capt. Medford) was

[1] *John and Martha, Unity, John and Margaret, Satisfaction, Advance Frigate* (for Bantam).
London, Massingberd, Antelope, Falcon, Phoenix (for Surat).
Sampson, Humphrey and Elizabeth, East India Merchant, European, Bombay Merchant (for Madras).

[2] Captured by the Dutch in the Straits of Banca (cp. p. ix).

[3] *Berkeley Castle, Johannah, Loyal Subject, Rebecca.*

[4] From Bantam: *Loyal Merchant, Anne* (Capt. Zachary Browne), *Constantinople Merchant, Berkeley Castle, Greyhound, Rebecca, Mediterranean Merchant, Return, Anne* (Capt. A. Dawes).
From Madras: *Zante Frigate, Coast Frigate, Rainbow.*
From Surat: *Loyal Subject, Hannibal, Experiment.*

[5] From Bantam: *John and Margaret, John and Martha, Unity, Unicorn, Anne* (Capt. Z. Browne), *European, Phoenix, Satisfaction.*
From Madras: *Humphrey and Elizabeth, Sampson, East India Merchant, Bombay Merchant.*
From Surat: *London, Antelope, Massingberd.*

[6] *Mary, Barnardiston, Expectation, Hannibal, Surat Merchant* (new ships). The *Hannibal* was captured in the Straits of Banca by the Dutch.

[7] *Golden Fleece, Loyal Merchant, Rainbow, Mediterranean Merchant.*

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dispatched in June to St. Helena with the new Governor (Capt. Anthony Beale) on board. The commanders of the fleet of ten ships[1] that sailed for Madras and Surat in December (cargo £183,000) with Captain William Basse as Admiral, under the convoy of six ships commanded by Captain Richard Munden, were given commissions from the Lord High Admiral, and informed that should there be occasion to engage the enemy they were to remember their obligation, not only by charter-party and in point of honour, but having the commission of His Royal Highness, were to act 'as becomes persons in such commands and trusts' (p. 196).

The ten ships under Basse arrived at the Coromandel Coast in July 1673. After a stay of nine days they left for Masulipatam and on their return voyage to Madras in August met a Dutch squadron of twenty-one ships. The English were defeated, three ships (*President*, *Sampson*, and *Antelope*) and 300 men being captured by the Dutch.[2]

Fifteen[3] ships arrived home in 1673. On the arrival of the *Loyal Subject*, *Barnardiston*, and *Rebecca* at St. Helena they found the Dutch in possession of the island, whereupon the ships proceeded to Ascension Island, where they met the *Johanna* and *Berkeley Castle*, and afterwards Captain Munden's fleet,[4] reaching Kinsale in August. The value of the twelve ships expected from India was estimated at £400,000 to £500,000.

The *Advice* was sent to Bengal towards the end of the year. In December the *European*, *John and Alexander*, and *Loyal Merchant* left for St. Helena.

Towards the end of the year the Surat Committee reported that 650 tons of goods, besides 300 or 400 tons of pepper, were ready for shipment at Surat, the value of the goods provided there and at subordinate factories amounting to about £50,000. They recommended that in addition to the *Lancaster* and *Falcon*, the *Phoenix* should be entertained to go to India and that a stock of £60,000 should be provided for the three vessels, in which 200 soldiers for Bombay were to be carried (p. 293).

[1] *London*, *President*, *Sampson*, *Massingberd*, *Caesar*, *Anne* (Capt. Z. Browne), *Bombay Merchant*, *East India Merchant*, *Unity*, *Antelope*.

[2] For accounts of the engagement, by Captain Basse and other commanders, see *O.C.* (I.O.) 3834, &c.

[3] From Bantam: *Advance*, *Expectation*, *Mary*, *Surat Merchant*, *Anne* (Capt. A. Dawes).
From Surat: *Loyal Merchant*, *Mediterranean Merchant*, *Golden Fleece*, *Rainbow*.
From Madras: *Berkeley Castle*, *Johanna*, *Loyal Subject*, *Barnardiston*, *Rebecca*.
From St. Helena: *Humphrey and Elizabeth*.

[4] According to the introduction to Dr. John Fryer's *New Account of East India and Persia* (edited by W. Crooke, 1912), Munden had been sent out, not merely to convoy the outward-bound ships, but to meet and escort home those expected from the East.

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In 1671 the Company decided that the sheathing of new ships to be built should be at least 1¼ inch thick (p. 42), and that the building of three-decked vessels should be encouraged in preference to those with two decks (p. 67). Only British subjects were to be entertained on their ships (pp. 86, 185), and commanders were forbidden to take on board any relatives in any office or employment as mate, gunner, &c. (p. 162). The Company were desirous of encouraging mariners in their lawful trade by having commodities in India at usual rates without being imposed upon by the factors (p. 17).

The increasing trade required more warehousing room. Grounds to let near Leadenhall, 'Minchin' Lane, and St. Swithin's Lane, also vaults in Fishmongers' Hall and warehouses in Gresham College and Blackwell Hall, were viewed by certain of the Committees (pp. 51, 54, 56, 142). A fresh lease of the Exchange vaults was obtained (p. 83). Some ground in Leadenhall was rented from the Governors of Christ Church Hospital. The question of a new lease of the Company's House was considered, but nothing appears to have been effected (p. 94). From an entry on p. 49 it appears that the idea had been entertained of moving back to Crosby House in Bishopsgate, or at least of hiring that building for conversion into warehouses. Some trouble arose with a Mrs. Knowles who had a cellar under part of the warehouse in Leadenhall, which she used for the sale of drink (p. 218). It is interesting to note that in October 1673 the Company had 265,774 pieces of calico, with quilts, taffetas, and silk, in stock and fit for sale, in addition to the goods in Papillon's warehouse (a list of which was read) with 4,000 bags of Patna saltpetre, 400 bags of cowries, and 50 tons of red earth (p. 277).

The Company instructed their Agent and Council at Bantam in 1669 and 1670 to endeavour to open a trade with Japan, and accordingly the *Bantam Pink* (Capt. Bartholomew Partree)[1] and the *Pearl*, under the direction of Mr. Ellis Crispe, were dispatched to Taiwan (Formosa), in August 1670, with cloth and pepper, to establish a factory there in the hope that this would be a means of reopening a commercial intercourse with Japan. The idea of the Company was to make Bantam the centre of the trade for the exports from Europe and India and to trade from thence to Tonquin, Formosa, and Japan, and indirectly to China, the Dutch having defeated them in their purpose of trading directly with that country. Crispe met with a favourable reception, but did not have the success expected, and the Bantam Council explained this as due 'to

[1] 'The first English commander that attempted trade at Taiwan.'

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some perfidious Chinese and our yett inexperience in these parts, people and customs'. The *Bantam Pink* (Capt. B. Partree) and the *Crown* (Capt. Philip Hyatt) were dispatched from Bantam in June 1671 to make a fresh attempt for Formosa and to proceed to Nagasaki in Japan.[1] These ships were lost at sea on their way to Formosa. The *Camel* junk, which had gone with them as escort, alone returned to Bantam.

Meanwhile the Company at home, in ignorance of the fate of those two ships, had taken further steps. Their desire to extend their trade to Japan appears to have stimulated one Samuel Baron[2] to approach them with proposals[3] to that end, which were wholly rejected at first as 'unjust and dishonourable'. His demands were considered too great, but finally he referred himself to the Court's consideration 'as he shall be found to deserve'. He was engaged on March 17, 1671 (p. 21). The Committees to whom the question of the Japan project was referred recommended that two ships should sail in August 1671, with European and Indian commodities to the value of about £30,000; that able factors and writers, besides the 'Chief' and Baron, should go in them; and that factories should be established at Tonquin (if none should be already there), but only able and sober men should be sent out or employed in the service (p. 28).

The ships chosen for the purpose were the *Experiment* (Capt. William Lymbry), the *Return* (Capt. John Atkins), and the *Zante Frigate* (Capt. Andrew Parrick). They departed for the voyage in September 1671, with factors and writers on board, including David Stephens, Samuel Baron, and Simon Delboe, respectively designated 'Chief', 'Second' and 'Third' at Japan, and William Gyfford as 'Chief' at Tonquin. They were to proceed by way of Bantam to Tonquin, Formosa, and Japan, with Europe, Surat, and Coromandel goods, and the factors were to procure, in return, commodities suitable for the Indian and European markets. The Company took the precaution of obtaining from the Lord High Admiral certificates according to the form required by the 8th Article of the Treaty Marine with Holland,[4] although this had not been

[1] The supercargoes were instructed to collect information as to where the English had formerly resided at Firando. When the former English factory there was withdrawn in 1623 by the special order of the President and Council at Batavia, the Company's house and godown and very extensive buildings (including a wharf) at the harbour of Cochi were committed by them to the custody of the King of Firando (Hirado), 'to be repossessed by us if we return' (*Factory Records* (I.O.), China, vol. ix, p. 420).

[2] A native of Tonquin from a mixed European descent. (*Letter Book* (I.O.), vol. iv, p. 481.)

[3] See *O.C.* 3637 and 3646.

[4] The provisions of the 8th Article of the Treaty Marine of 1668 are: 'But if they were come within the Roads, or were met in the open Sea by any of the said States ships, or

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done before, 'it having been found impracticable'. Lymbry and the other captains left England with detailed instructions[1] and with the Court's wish 'that the blessing of the Almighty may accompany you in this your voyage' and the admonition that 'let it be your greatest care, diligently and daily with due reverence, to seek it in the duty of prayer which we require you not to neglect but constantly both evening and morning to exercise yourself and ship's company therein', &c.

Except that William Gyfford established a factory at Tonquin,[2] which was kept going under great difficulties and with little success until 1697, this project of opening an indirect trade with China failed. The *Return* and the *Experiment* reached Formosa in July 1672. David Stephens died on the voyage from Bantam, and it was decided that Delboe should take his place and that Baron should remain at Formosa. As there was not a sufficient lading of sugar and skins for both ships, the factors decided that only the *Return* should go to Japan.

The *Experiment* was captured by the Dutch on her way back from Formosa to Bantam. The *Camel* junk, with Baron on board, met a similar fate, he being afterwards treated as a traitor by his captors. The *Return* reached Nagasaki in June 1673 and remained until August, but attempts to open trade with the Japanese were unsuccessful. After touching at Macao and remaining there for some time, where attempts to dispose of the cargo met with little success, the ship sailed to Lampaçao,[3]

Private Men of War their Subjects; for avoiding of all disorder, the said Ships of the United Provinces or of their Subjects, shall not come near within Cannon-shot of the English, but shall send out their Long-Boat, and cause only two or three men to go on Board the English Ships or Vessels, unto whom the Passports and Certificates of the Propriety of the Ships shall be shewn by the Master or Captain of the English Ship, in the manner above specified, according to the form of the said Certificates which shall be inserted at the end of this Treaty; by which Passports and Certificates proof may be made not only of the Lading, but also of the place of the Abode and Residence of the Master or Captain, and name of the Ship itself; to the end that by these two wayes it may be known whether they carry Contraband Goods; and that the quality as well of the said Ship, as of its Master or Captain, may sufficiently appear: Unto which Passports and Certificates entire faith and credit shall be given. And to the end that their Validity may be the better known, and that they may not be in any wise falsified and counterfeit, certain Marks and Countersigns of His Majesty and the said States-General shall be given unto them.'

[1] *Letter Book* (I.O.), vol. iv, p. 485.

[2] *Factory Records* (I.O.), China, vol. i.

[3] Lampaçao (Portuguese), Lampakaw (English), Langpehtsao (Chinese). An island which, under the name of Lampaçao, was for several years the residence of many Portuguese merchants. It was occupied by the Portuguese in 1542, and in 1560 apparently was a flourishing place. Lampienchau, on the western shore of Bias Bay, two miles from Outan (on the Canton river), seems to be the Lampaçao to which the Portuguese traded in the sixteenth century ('Lampaçao, a mystery of the Far East', by Dr. H. B. Morse, in the *Journal of the North China Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society*, vol. v, 1921).

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went to Bangkok (where the factors obtained a licence to trade),[1] and arrived at Surat in 1675.

The failure of the Japan project was attributed to the fact that King Charles II had married a Princess of the Royal House of Portugal, and the Journal[2] of the *Return* supports that opinion. The Japanese officials who came on board the ship were mainly concerned to ascertain how long the King had been married to the Princess; the religion of the Dutch, French, and English, also that of the Portuguese and whether the last-mentioned were Roman Catholics and reverenced images ('Sancta Maria' and 'Sancto Christo'). They inquired why the English had not been to Japan since forty-nine years ago,[3] and the reason for the flying of colours bearing a cross, whereas the ship had come in with one striped red and white without a cross.[4] After lengthy discussions on these and other matters, the Emperor's orders arrived to the effect that as King Charles was married to the 'daughter of Portugal', an enemy of the Japanese, the English could not be admitted to trade, and for no other reason. They might, the Company's servants were informed, be allowed to return if the Dutch and several Chinese would certify that they were not in amity with the Portuguese. The *Return* was permitted to leave, over 5,000 people assembling to witness her departure; the Emperor's commands, according to the Japanese officials, 'being like unto swett that goes out of man's hand or body which never returns again'. A promise was given that none of the Dutch ships should be permitted to stir out of the port before two months, and the Japanese officials wished the factors a pleasant voyage and many years of life. The latter state in their Journal that in the previous year twelve junks had arrived at Nagasaki from Bantam, Siam, and Cambodia, also six of the Dutch Company's ships, but none from Formosa, because the

[1] For further information (based to a great extent on I.O. Records) see *English Intercourse with Siam*, by Dr. John Anderson, in 'Trubner's Oriental Series'.

[2] *O.C.* 3902. Journal of Simon Delboe, Hamon Gibbon, and William Ramsden, on the *Return*, from June 29 to August 28, 1673, with a covering letter dated Macao, December 1673. There are other copies in *Home Miscellaneous* (I.O.), vol. 456a and in the Public Record Office (*C.O.* 77, vol. xii, pp. 263–70). It is printed in Kaempfer's *History of Japan*, and in *Western Barbarians* (M. B. T. Paske-Smith). For other consultations, &c., on the *Return*, see *O.C.* 3645, 3842, and 3850. *O.C.* 4045 is an abstract by Captain Atkins of his Journal from Lampaçao to Surat, including an account of his transactions at Bangkok.

[3] A copy of the articles or privileges granted to the Company in 1613 being presented to the Japanese officials, they asked 'very much' for the original and were informed that it was delivered to the Emperor's Council on 'our departure from Firando'. Volume ix of the China Series of *Factory Records* (I.O.) contains copies of extracts from the Company's records relating to the trade with Japan from 1613.

[4] The question of displaying the national flag was raised by William Gyfford. See *O.C.* 3640.

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Japanese had put a price upon their sugar and skins and intended to do so with all people for whatsoever goods should be brought to their ports. 'Few will seek after their commodities upon such unequal terms' was the opinion of the factors.

Although the Dutch Chief in Japan was aware of the outbreak of war with England, he advised the Company's factors not to display a flag bearing a cross and informed them of his desire to live peaceably with them, a mutual agreement being signed to that effect. On the *P.R.O.* copy of the Journal of the *Return*[1] there is a postscript (Oct. 16, 1673) —'We understand the Dutch Chief expended £10,000 to oppose our settlement at Japan'.

Baron, writing to the Court in June 1672, stated that the Dutch had sent their usual ships (eight fly-boats) to Japan and that it was rumoured that eight men-of-war would convoy them thither and back to Batavia. He added that the Dutch had a very profitable exchange of commodities with Japan, bringing from thence 1½ million guilders clear profit. About the same time the Government of Batavia advised the factors in Japan of the departure of the *Experiment*, *Return*, and *Zante* —'which ought to be made known to the Governor that they [the Japanese] may hereafter not charge us with it'. Captain Lymbry, writing to Bombay when in the hands of the Dutch, said that the projected trade from Bantam to Formosa had been found to be confined within much narrower limits than had been represented in the information that the Company had received or the overtures that the King of Formosa had made to Bantam might reasonably lead them to expect.[2] It is stated that the East India Company expended £40,000 on this project of reopening a trade with Japan.

The King's letter to Abull Fettahee, King (or Sultan) of Bantam, signed, 'Your affectionate freind Charles R.' (p. 38), is illustrative of the cordial relations existing between His Majesty and the Company. Between the King and the ruler of Bantam there had been an interchange of presents, but the Company deprecated direct correspondence between them. In this letter from the King to the 'Sultan', acknowledging the receipt of presents, the latter was informed that the Company had been granted the sole traffic to all places of the East beyond the Cape of Good Hope, with full powers to correspond with all Emperors, Kings, and Princes in those parts in order to trade with them 'without reserving any distinct correspondence to ourselfe'. The

[1] See p. x, n. 2. [2] *O.C.* (I.O.) 3852.

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Sultan's justice and kindness to the Company and their Agents were the only acts of friendship that the King expected or could receive.

Later, the Company provided guns for the King of Bantam, but had some hesitation in making up their minds whether they should be handed to him if the presents expected in return had not been duly received. Fortified by the knowledge of the contents of His Majesty's letter to the King of Bantam, the Company themselves wrote to the latter in order that there should be no misapprehension as to their powers and the procedure that should be followed in future. They added an expression of their desire to procure pepper at more reasonable rates so that they might be able 'to keepe marketts with the Dutch', and pointed out that pepper being so cheap elsewhere, unless it could be bought on reasonable terms, they would be obliged to cease buying it at Bantam. Should they be forced to take that course he would understand how prejudicial it would be for him. 'Peeces of eight of Civell [Seville] stampe, espetially those that are waighty' being difficult to obtain, they begged him to allow 'piller rials of eight' to pass in his dominions, they being 'full as fine and waighty'. As an alternative they desired that silver and gold by the ounce or such coins as were obtainable might pass in his territories according to their true value (pp. 46–8).

There are not many references in the Minutes to affairs in India. Gerald Aungier was formally appointed Governor of Bombay[1] and given a gold medal of the value of £20 as a remembrance of his good services against Sivāji. The salaries of the Deputy Governor at Bombay and of the 'Second' at Surat were fixed at £120 a year, for all civil, military, and mercantile affairs in the case of the former. Captain Shaxton was entertained as a factor and to command a company of soldiers at Bombay, for which he was allowed an annual salary of £100. Orders were given that the Captain's pay at Bombay should be reduced to £80 at the first opportunity and that any factor having a military appointment should not be paid more than £100. Captain Young, who had been accused of instigating the natives of Bombay in their 'turbulent petitioning for his continuance there', was entertained for employment in Persia. Among the writers appointed in 1671 was Elihu Yale, for whom David Yale, of Newhall, Denbighshire, and his son and heir, David Yale, junior, were securities in £500. In the Minutes of September 11, 1672, is the first mention of John Fryer,[2] recommended and

[1] He assumed office on July 14, 1669.
[2] Author of *A New Account of East India and Persia.*

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accepted for entertainment as a surgeon for Surat, he being 'a skilful and experienced artist in that profession'.

The action taken in Bombay for settling the judicature of the Island was approved, but, no details being given, the Court hoped that the rule for the trial of criminal and other cases of weight by a Jury would be observed. An engineer was engaged to drain the flooded grounds at Bombay and the question of establishing a mint there was considered. Rules were laid down for women allowed to go to Bombay.

It will be remembered that in the war with Holland the French were allied with the English. King Charles desired that the Company should assist the French East India Company and letters were accordingly sent to Surat and Madras to that effect, although the French at Surat had not been so 'candid' towards them, having insisted that the English ships 'should strike to theirs', which, it is stated, the President 'fairly avoided'. The French having seized boats and goods, the Company desired that the French officers would give no occasion for future differences and restore the ships and goods taken (p. 259).

Daniel Sheldon was again helpful, on being asked as to the 'usefulness of a silk throwster for the Bay', and John Terret was chosen to serve in Bengal as a silk-dyer at an annual salary of £50 (p. 192).

In February 1671 the Portuguese Envoy presented a memorial to the Company, acknowledging the kindness shown to the Portuguese at Madras, desiring its continuance, and complaining of two French clergymen there who took upon themselves spiritual government without authority. The clergymen referred to were evidently the French capuchins who, in 1670, were in charge of a church erected for the Capuchin Mission by order of Andrew Cogan,[1] the Company's Agent from 1639 to 1643. Apparently there were dissensions between the priests who were permitted to say mass in the church.[2] The Envoy was informed that the Court had received advice concerning the clergymen and that the 'King's General' was urging for their removal, and that the Company's Agent and Council had been instructed to promote peace without making any breach with the King of Golconda. Their Agent had been directed to take care that the Portuguese inhabitants were not tyrannized over by any Popish Powers (p. 14).

Trouble having arisen with the Jesuits at Bombay, who made certain

[1] Afterwards created knight and baronet.

[2] See *Vestiges of Old Madras* (H. D. Love), vol. I, pp. 47–9 and 279.

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claims, Sir Robert Southwell[1] was desired to answer the Portuguese Ambassador[2] according to letters and directions sent by the Company to their servants there and to demand that the injuries done by the Governor of Goa, in obstructing the passage between Bombay and the main, should be righted (p. 214).

Hearing from Lisbon that the King of Portugal was willing to grant commissions to some Englishmen to trade in the East Indies, certain of the Committees were desired to consider and report what provision in existing treaties was made for preventing the inconvenience that might thereby arise to the Company (p. 127). Nothing further, however, is heard on the subject.

It may be that the visit of the Bishop of Persia as Ambassador to the King (see p. 338 of the previous volume) incited the Company to make another effort for a settlement of their claim to a share of the customs at Gombroon under the agreement of 1622 with Shāh Abbās, made after the capture of Ormus from the Portuguese. An address to the King was quickly followed by a letter from him to Shāh Sulaimān recapitulating the Company's complaint and expressing the hope that a peaceable representation of those wrongs would bring about the recovery of the Company's just dues for the time past and a 'firme establishment' by the Shah's commands to his officers and ministers for the future, so that the Company might receive annually 'their full proportions' (p. 113). The Surat Committee were directed to consider a motion for settling the affairs of the factory at Gombroon (p. 246).

The long-standing question of the freight to be paid by the Company for the goods brought home from Bombay in the *Leopard* and other royal ships in 1662 was settled, the Company agreeing to pay 2,000 guineas into the Privy Purse instead of £7,600 demanded by the Treasury, and another 100 guineas to be 'otherwise disposed of' (p. 172). The King being in debt to the Company to the extent of £40,000 for saltpetre, and desirous of a loan of £20,000 and more saltpetre, it was agreed that the Company should furnish him with £30,000 worth of that commodity and receive £2,000 for the charges expended by them on the four ships employed to secure the safety of their homeward-bound ships.[3] The King's liability was met to the extent of £52,000 and interest, out of the Customs receipts and the new impost on wines and vinegar by weekly instalments of £2,000, the balance (£40,000) being paid by tallies out of

[1] Then a clerk of the Privy Council. English Envoy at Lisbon, 1666–9.
[2] Don Francisco de Mello.
[3] See p. 124.

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the receipts from customs on goods imported by the Company' 'notwithstanding these payments are not entered in our weekly lists, (pp. 187, 189).[1]

The Company put forward a claim against Sir Edward Winter for money and goods taken by him at Fort St. George (see previous volume) and for the prejudice to their trade by his actions. On Winter's petition the Privy Council ordered the case to be considered (pp. 223–4, 237). To Winter's overtures for a settlement the Company did not think fit to answer, but afterwards agreed to refer the matter to arbitration, with the proviso that in case of disagreement between the arbitrators (two appointed by each side), the dispute should go to the Lord Chancellor for decision, Winter consenting to give bonds for £10,000 penalty. Towards the end of 1673 the dispute was accordingly referred to the Earl of Shaftesbury (pp. 296, 298).

Information having been received of 'some practices to the prejudice of the kingdom and particularly of the Company', designed by Thomas Skinner (whose case is dealt with at length in the previous volume), copies of the paper containing it were sent to Lord Arlington and Sir John Trevor, the members of the Court being enjoined to secrecy. Shortly afterwards Skinner petitioned the King for safe conduct to the East Indies, for the restoration of the island Barella, with free intercourse of trade thereto, and for relief from the oppressions of the Company (p. 52).

An echo of the troubles of 1665, when Sir Edward Winter usurped the Government at Fort St. George, is contained in the Company's petition to the King regarding the death of William Dawes at the hands of Lieutenant Francis Chuseman, who assisted Winter (p. 210).

The Company still continued to display a solicitude for the government of St. Helena. An order was given that a good watch should be kept on all foreign ships and that no one should be permitted to search for convenient landings or to sound the waters. Settlers who offended against the laws should be dealt with in accordance with the patent and not sent home (as one Bowes had been) unless they had committed some capital offence. Rules and instructions for the good government of the Island were formulated (p. 16).

Captain Cony, who had been sent out as Governor in 1670, was accused by the inhabitants of unjust and arbitrary proceedings.

[1] Letters Patent for the payment, by instalments, of the sum of £92,000 (*Parchment Records* (I.O.), No. 27).

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Apparently these charges were accepted as true. He was ordered to resign his appointment and come home (pp. 123, 136), Captain Anthony Beale being chosen to succeed him. Later (January 1673), the Company heard that in the previous October Cony had been sent home by the inhabitants. The Company expressed their strong disapproval, for, they wrote, 'there can bee noe Governor if they that should bee governed should displace the Governor'. The Rev. William Nokes, the Minister and Second on the Council at the Island, one of the principals in the action against the Governor, was told to reform. The Company wrote that they had received several complaints of him; that he had endeavoured to make parties on the Island and had encouraged disobedience and condemned the orders of the Governor and Council. Also, they added, he was addicted to several vices not becoming a minister of the Gospel. In spite of this the Company continued him as Second in Council with a caution as to his future conduct. He must conform to the Court's orders or be dismissed and recalled (p. 149).[1]

Immediately after the declaration of war with the Dutch the Company took steps to provide necessaries wanting at St. Helena (p. 118). The *Humphrey and Elizabeth* (Capt. Robert Medford) was chartered for that purpose and departed in June with Captain Beale and seventy-five soldiers on board. The Commander was directed to proceed to St. Helena, land the soldiers, and deliver the artillery and ammunition to the Governor and Council. During his stay on the island he and his company were to assist in bettering and furthering the fortifications there as the Governor and Council should desire. Some of the Company's ships were expected to arrive at St. Helena from the Coromandel Coast and Bantam about November; for these Medford was to wait, but not after May 1, 1673 (p. 135).

The *Humphrey and Elizabeth* reached its destination in November 1672. A month later there appeared before the island four Dutch men-of-war, part of the Dutch fleet that had left Amsterdam in April for the Cape of Good Hope. From the Dutch accounts the Governor of the Cape had fitted out the squadron[2] for the capture of St. Helena. Men were landed from the ships and took possession of the Island on New Year's Day, 1673. According to the Dutch they landed in the rear of the forts and met with no resistance from the English, but this does not

[1] For more detailed information regarding this episode see *O.C.* (I.O.) 3662, 3665–7, 3669–70, 3672–3, 3675–6, 3681, 3690–1, 3766–9.

[2] *Vryheyt, Zuydtpolsbroeck, Kattenburgh,* and *Swaentje.*

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tally with the reports received by the Company (p. 238).[1] Captain Medford and most of the inhabitants retreated on board the *Humphrey and Elizabeth* and a French vessel and left for Brazil. Four months afterwards the Island was recaptured by Captain Richard Munden, who had left England on January 13 in command of the *Assistance Frigate*, the *Princess*, the *William and Thomas*, the *Mary and Martha*, the *Levant Merchant*, and two fire-ships, as convoy to the outward-bound ships of the Company (p. 189).

On May 4 the master of a small vessel came on board the *Assistance* and informed Munden that the Dutch were in possession of the Island.[2] The next day the Island was surrendered by the Dutch, after practically no resistance on their part[3] (p. 318).

Munden was informed by some of the English prisoners that the Dutch fleet from India was hourly expected, and a few days later one ship of that fleet, the *Europa*, carrying the new Dutch Governor for St. Helena, was sighted and captured. Some days afterwards six more appeared, of which two, the *Wapen van der Veer*[4] and the *Alphen*, were taken. The *Papenburgh* escaped Munden, and, homeward-bound, sailed into the midst of the French fleet on the eve of the great action between the Anglo-French and Dutch fleets off the Texel in August, and was brought to this country as a prize. Munden's ships arrived at Kinsale in August in company with the three Dutch prizes and five of the Company's homeward vessels. Munden was knighted for his services and received a royal bounty of £2,500.

On the Company presenting a petition to the King he was pleased to declare that the Island of St. Helena should be continued to the

[1] For the Dutch account see *Dutch Records* (I.O.), Transcripts (B), vol. xxxi, document dccc.

[2] It has been stated, probably on the authority of Dr. John Fryer, that Munden on his departure for St. Helena had orders to recapture the island from the Dutch. This seems improbable; he left England a fortnight after the Island had been taken.

[3] See Appendixes I and II (pp. 315–19) for a transcript of Munden's Journal from May 5 to May 8, 1673, and the official relation of the retaking of St. Helena (printed in 1673). Munden's Journal (Pepys MS. 2350) begins on January 12, 1673, and ends on September 12, 1673. Bound up with it is the account of the same expedition by Thomas Willshaw, commander of the *Castle Frigate* fire-ship, and at the end is a letter from Richard Gibson (the Admiralty clerk and Pepys' friend) to Pepys, dated April 7, 1683, criticizing Munden's proceedings. The Journal of the ship *Assistance* (Pepys MS. 2543) is a longer account and has a water-colour drawing to illustrate the surrender of St. Helena on May 5, 1673, and a coloured map at the end. (Information supplied by F. McD. C. Turner, Esq., the Pepysian Librarian at Magdalene College, Cambridge.) British Museum Add. MS. 34729, ff. 127–31, is the Diary of H.M.'s ship *Assistance* of the retaking of St. Helena from May 4, 1673, to May 27, when the *Alphen* was captured. There is also another account (in French) at the Public Record Office: S.P. Dom., Car. II, 366, No. 274 ii, dated August 22, 1673.

[4] *Arms of Camphire*, or *Ferveer* (*ang.*).

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Company as formerly and Letters Patent were issued accordingly on December 16, 1673, regranting the Island to them.[1]

Captain Richard Field, who had been left at St. Helena by Munden as Deputy Governor, was appointed Governor by the Company with Captain Anthony Beale as Husband of Stores. Instructions for the future government of the Island were dispatched in December (p. 300), one direction being that all negroes who should make profession of the Christian faith should be made free planters within seven years. The Instructions provided for the succession to the Government, administration of justice, the punishment of crime, the preservation of the rights and property among the inhabitants, and the management of the Company's plantations and negroes. 'Black Oliver',[2] a negro who had acted as guide to Captain Keigwin's force that landed from Munden's ships, was made a free planter. The Rev. William Swindell was appointed to act as minister and to teach and catechize the children.

Towards the end of the year three ships (*European, John and Alexander*, and *Loyal Merchant*) were dispatched to St. Helena with provisions and many of the settlers who had left the Island with Captain Medford in the *Humphrey and Elizabeth*.

After Munden's departure from the Island, where he left Captain Keigwin as Governor, the soldiers and some of the inhabitants mutinied against Keigwin, and on Captain Richard Field, the Deputy, refusing the post of Governor, Lieutenant Bird accepted it. Captain William Basse of the *London* and the commanders of other ships returning home re-established Keigwin on their arrival at St. Helena in April 1674.[3]

There are few references to the Dutch in the Court Minutes of 1671. One records the resolution that the Governor with some of the Committees for Dutch affairs were to go to Sir John Trevor's to meet Sir William Temple, and later in the year the Deputy Governor and one of the Committees for Dutch affairs conferred with Sir John Trevor[4] about certain transactions that had lately taken place with reference to the Treaty Marine (pp. 9, 85–6). Sir William Temple was given £100 for his charges and disbursements at The Hague in the Company's business (p. 92).

In June 1672 (three months after the outbreak of war), hearing that the Duke of Buckingham and Lord Arlington were being sent to Holland, the Company memorialized the King suggesting that one of

[1] Pp. 296, 303; *Parchment Records* (I.O.), No. 30, and *C.O.* (P.R.O.) 77, pp. 76–93.
[2] The name is given in *History of the Island of St. Helena* (F. H. Brook).
[3] Log of the *London* (I.O.), and *O.C.* 3983.
[4] Secretary of State.

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the conditions of peace should provide for the mutual reparation of injuries or damages they and the Dutch Company had sustained since the Treaty of 1667, or since the last breach, or at least from the date of their memorial. They also asked for an opportunity to submit their views for the better settlement and carrying on of their trade, or that the Treaty should provide for a subsequent settlement, to prevent misunderstandings in the future. Thereupon the Ambassadors were directed to procure an adjustment of trade in the East Indies as formerly desired by the King (p. 139). The Company presented further memorials to the King urging that some arrangement should be made with the Dutch on the lines of their proposals of July 1669,[1] for the prevention of any differences that might arise concerning the rules laid down in the Treaty Marine, by means of additional rules as to passports for commanders and masters of ships, the definition of the words 'besieged, blocked up or invested' in the 4th Article, freedom of trade, trading contracts with natives, the procedure in case of war with any native power, passports granted to Indian or other vessels belonging to those not in enmity with the other Company, and the voidance of the treaty made by the Dutch with the King of Macassar. They also wished for the restitution of Damm Island, a mutual reparation of damages, and that the 36th Article of the Treaty of Breda should be put into execution (pp. 143, 175–6). This article stipulated that the officers of the Dutch should be bound and obliged by oath to conform to the Treaty and Articles thereof and to promise sacredly upon oath to religiously observe and execute the same. Later, in April 1673, they again made representations to the King and proposed certain articles that, in their opinion, should be insisted on in the treaty, viz., those suggested in July 1669 and June 1672 (referred to above), with the addition of the following: (1) for the adjustment of losses or damages by arbitration, or in case of non-agreement of the arbitrators, by an umpire to be appointed by His Majesty; (2) that no persons residing in or upon any of the islands or places where either Company had forts, &c., or being within the limits thereof, should be molested, disturbed, or removed by the other Company; (3) that the ships of either Company should have liberty to water, wood, victual, and refresh in any of the ports or places possessed by the other Company within the limits of their respective Charters, with freedom to put into any such ports or places in stress of weather or other imminent danger: and in case the ships of either Company should

[1] See previous volume, pp. 153–4 and 213–15.

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meet together at sea and should happen to be in distress, they should, upon request, relieve and treat each other with all due civility and respect. The Company considered that the article for the mutual reparation of losses was the most important (pp. 226–30).

Spain had joined in the war on the side of Holland, but negotiations resulted in a treaty of peace with the former country, signed on April 30, 1673, to which was added a separate article that the King of Spain would try one last effort to bring King Charles II to a peace with the Dutch. The latter were now anxious for peace, and, as Lord Arlington wrote, 'The States who would not all this time hearken to any overture for the cessation of arms now call for it'. Accordingly, the Earl of Sunderland, Sir Lionel Jenkins, and Sir Joseph Williamson were sent to Cologne to treat for peace, and, if possible, to secure a treaty of commerce, and, if easy to obtain, a regulation of the East India trade on the lines desired by the East India Company (pp. 234–5). These instructions were supplemented by one that the treaty should stipulate, as desired by the Company, for a mutual reparation of all losses and damages sustained by the two Companies; the amount to be settled by arbitration. Furthermore, if the Ambassadors could not obtain such an agreement, they were to insist upon the restitution of St. Helena (news of its capture by the Dutch having recently been received) (p. 243). Later, the Ambassadors were informed that the demands for the mutual restitution of goods should not be insisted upon up to a point so as to break off the treaty; on the other hand, mutual restitution of the places captured, especially of St. Helena and Fort St. George,[1] must be positively demanded (p. 251). The Company, however, were more concerned that there should be a restitution of goods and ships rather than of places, for if the Dutch should destroy their stock in India it would not only be a present loss to the adventurers and the consequences could hardly be retrieved in many years, for by those means the Dutch would be masters of the pepper and saltpetre trade. This, the Company pointed out to Lord Arlington's secretary, would enable the Dutch to war on princes and cause disappointment to the King by the loss of saltpetre (pp. 252–3). The Company having sustained little or no damage either by the loss of ships, goods, or places, and that, on the contrary, the Island of St. Helena had been retaken (news having arrived to that effect from Kinsale) and more prizes having been taken from the Dutch than they had captured from the English, in August the Plenipoten-

[1] The rumour that Fort St. George had been taken by the Dutch proved to be false.

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tiaries were directed to insist only upon the mutual restitution of places in general, and to absolutely refuse and reject any proposals for the mutual reparation of other losses (p. 258). In November the Plenipotentiaries were directed to agree that the question of the regulation of the trade in the East Indies might be referred to a determination by Commissioners to be appointed on both sides, if the Dutch were found obstinate and otherwise would not agree to a peace as proposed (p. 285). The Plenipotentiaries at Cologne were not successful in their efforts, and Sir William Temple was called from his retirement and sent to The Hague to assist in the negotiations. He was mainly responsible for the treaty of peace with the Dutch subsequently signed at Westminster on February 14, 1674. It provided that the question of the regulation of trade in the East should be referred to Commissioners, six to be nominated by each party, and that differences should be referred to the arbitration of the Queen Regent of Spain. Other provisions were that the Dutch would acknowledge the right of the King to have his flag respected on the Seas; that the articles made upon the surrender of Surinam to the Dutch should be put into execution; that the Treaty Marine should be referred to the Commissioners to be appointed to consider the East India trade, and for the payment of an indemnity of 800,000 patacoons (rials of eight).

Temple had been recalled from The Hague in September 1670 and replaced by Sir George Downing, as it was thought that the Dutch required 'a rougher hand than his to get the King right of the States'.

Downing came home without permission, and the 'rough hand' of the King consigned him to the Tower. Dutch 'actions' fell from 490 to 400 when he left The Hague (p. 99). In December 1671 and February 1672 warrants in his favour were made out for £1,134 7*s*. 9*d*. and £504 15*s*. 10*d*. (pp. 96, 107). In June 1672 he was admitted to the freedom of the Company, gratis, as a mark of respect (p. 142).

The Lords Commissioners for Prizes were empowered by the King to sell and dispose of the goods in the three Dutch ships captured by Munden and those on the *Papenburgh* to a Mr. Nelthorp and his partners. The Company were desired, however, by the Commissioners to keep the goods in their possession until further orders (p. 276). Later, the King proposed that the Company should have the prize goods on payment of £33,700 more than the price mentioned by Nelthorp. Before the articles of agreement were concluded the King thought fit to sell the goods to Nelthorp, but this 'having taken air' and 'to avoid publique

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clamour' the Company were informed that they could have the prize goods on the terms already offered. The Company replied that they never desired the goods: they only wished to sell them to the best advantage for the King, yet they were willing that he should have not less than £33,700 more than was offered by Nelthorp: if the goods should produce more, then His Majesty should have the advantage, and, if less, then the Company would bear the loss. The King accepted the offer, but insisted on an advance of £50,000 to supply his 'pressing occasions' (p. 280).[1] The prize goods were warehoused in Grocers' Hall. The *Alphen*, *Wapen van der Veer*, and the *Europa* were delivered to the Commissioners of the Navy for employment in the King's service and the *Papenburgh* was sold.

The Company, always very solicitous of their servants, on hearing of the loss of the *Experiment* (see Introduction, p. v), and the *Hannibal* and that Captain Lymbry[2] and other officers of the two ships were prisoners in the hands of the Dutch, immediately wrote to their rivals, the Dutch Company, pointing out that they had obtained the release of Dutch prisoners in the ships taken by Munden and that the same action would be taken as regards those on the *Mayboome*[3] at Surat; they therefore asked for, and expected, reciprocal kindness in the discharge of all English prisoners taken in the *Hannibal* and *Experiment* and of all English prisoners taken in the war (p. 263). The Dutch Company were ready to comply, and eventually it was arranged that a ship should be sent to Bantam with a Dutch passport to bring home the English prisoners there, on condition that an English passport should be given to a Dutch ship for a like purpose. The Dutch Company expressed the wish 'that Almighty God may direct affairs in such wise that they may have occasion, according to their inclination, to demonstrate more friendship to the English Company' (pp. 273, 283, and 288). A few months before (April 30, 1673) the States-General in their treaty with Spain had expressed their desire to establish their ancient friendship with the King of Great Britain.

In connexion with the peace negotiations it was suggested that the Dutch should be forced to surrender at least half the trade in nutmegs, mace, cloves, and cinnamon, of which they had become sole masters

[1] Letters Patent ratifying the agreement between Prince Rupert and others and the East India Company, for the sale of the goods taken from the Dutch prizes (*Parchment Records* (I.O.), No. 29).

[2] See *O.C.* (I.O.) 3852 and 4058 for Lymbry's account of his capture by the Dutch.

[3] Captured from the Dutch in December 1672.

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and had raised the price thereof to three or four times the former rate. Before the Portuguese were expelled from Ceylon, cinnamon could be sold at 2*s.* 6*d.* per lb., but the Dutch had raised their cost price to 7*s.* or 8*s.* The price of nutmegs had been forced up to 12*s.* from 1*s.* 6*d.* a lb. It was suggested that if the King could obtain half the spices, he might gain a clear £300,000 per annum. It was thought that there would be no great difficulty in persuading the Dutch to part with half of the benefit of the fine spices on condition that there should be some arrangement to fix the selling price of pepper. The quantity of pepper imported by the two Companies was estimated at 5,000 tons per annum and if sold at 3*s.* per lb. would produce £1,120,000 sterling more than formerly, and less than one-third of that would be sufficient compensation to the Dutch for what they were to part with as regards spice. The French and Portuguese might be allotted some shares in the pepper, but not of the finer spices. Such an arrangement, it was argued, would not prejudice the East India Company, inasmuch as they were at the time utterly excluded from any part of the trade in fine spices, and the King might oblige them very much by letting them have what he should obtain for an annual rent. If the King were to take all the pepper they could secure at 1*s.* per lb. they would be assured of far better prices than they had made in the past. The Lords Committees for Foreign Affairs made some propositions to the Governor, and after a debate the Court decided that its tenor should be returned, either in writing or verbally, as the Governor should deem fit, and that the latter should attend their Lordships the same afternoon accompanied by the Deputy and Mr. Houblon[1] (pp. 220–2).

In view of an attempt by some persons to invade the trade of the Royal African Company and the East India Company, the former Company petitioned the King, who thereupon ordered that any ships at London and elsewhere bound for ports appropriated by charter to either of the two Companies should be stopped (p. 201).

The office procedure at Leadenhall Street appears to have been thoroughly overhauled. Directions were given for greater privacy (p. 51), more speedy balancing of books, registration of books and papers circulating in the office, and the reading by the Solicitor of the standing rules each quarter. Warrants passed in Court were to be signed by the Secretary to the Treasury, debtors were to be called upon

[1] An interesting account (1798) of the spice trade is contained in *Home Miscellaneous* (I.O.), vol. 210, p. 215.

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for a settlement, and factors' bonds were to be registered. Sambrooke was not to be allowed to accommodate his friends with goods at special rates. Dunkin, the Cashier-General, whose salary was lowered,[1] was ordered to balance his cash weekly. Later, he fell short of his cash by £1,850 and the Company resolved that they would not be liable henceforth for any payment except by their common seal. The clerks in the Accountant's Office were to attend from eight in the morning all the winter and from seven in the summer and not leave without the permission of the Accountant.

As regards the Company's servants in India it was decided that factors at the Coast, whose wives were with them, were to be allowed Rs. 15 a month for board wages, but were not to lodge or eat in the Company's house, and those unmarried eating at the Company's table were not to be allowed board wages. Soldiers at Bombay were to be paid at the rate of 28 days to the month.

The Company suitably acknowledged the good work of their servants, King's officers and others in these three years of trouble and anxiety, in the form of money or by the presentation of tankards and pieces of plate engraved with the Company's arms. Streynsham Master was presented with a gold medal for his services against Sivāji.

In these prosperous times the Company did not forget the services of the Governor, Deputy, and Committees, nor those persons (whose names are not disclosed) who had 'taken pains and been serviceable' to them. The Court resolved, in September 1672, to distribute £7,000 amongst the several Committees whether living or dead, according to each man's appearance from April 14, 1666, to the next election, £200 per annum to be allowed each Governor and £100 per annum to each Deputy for the said time, nothing having been paid for that period. The Governor, Deputy, and Committees, looking upon this resolution as a token of 'the Generalities kinde resentment and respect', returned their thanks, and the Generality returned the compliment with an expression of their gratitude for the care and pains taken in 'the manageing and good improvement of the Stock' (p. 170). It was resolved, later, that the gratuities should be allowed in settling accounts for any goods bought at the last or any former sale (p. 183). Warrants for gratuities to Governors and Deputies were issued in October, but some of those for the Committees, although approved about the same time, were not signed till

[1] Robert Hubbold being elected Cashier-General and Dunkin continued with the rank of Supervisor of the Company's cash.

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January in the following year (p. 185), when two thousand guineas were distributed to those who had 'countenanced and given furtherance to the Company's affairs' (p. 207). Other gratuities to the Governor, Deputy, and Committees were paid in May 1673 (p. 233). Soon afterwards the Company resolved that the appearances of members of Committees who did not arrive in proper time before 11 o'clock should not count (p. 246).

In December 1672 it was resolved to consider at the first meeting of the Court in January how a stock might be raised for charitable purposes (p. 200). This does not appear to have been done, but Major Thomson was desired to report the 'whole affair' touching the Company's Alms-house at Poplar, cause the revenue received from it to be registered in a book to be kept for that purpose, also the annual charge, and the names of the several benefactors who had contributed[1] (p. 205). In December 1673 certain of the Committees were desired to examine the constitution originally made for governing the Alms-house at Poplar, to ascertain what sums had been given for its maintenance, the balance, the annual charge and expense, and other matters. At the same time the Court, in accordance with their annual custom, taking into consideration the condition of the poor at Poplar and the increase in the number of widows and relations of those who had served the Company, distributed £20 amongst them.

Other items of interest may be mentioned. John Ogilby, the writer (pp. 26, 45, 95, 288), and Richard Blome, the publisher (p. 274), presented copies of some of their books, which were suitably acknowledged in the form of money. Six maps of the north-east parts of the Indies were purchased for £5 (p. 35). In November 1671 there was a rumour that ships were being prepared in Sweden for a voyage to the East Indies, and that some Englishmen were concerned in the project. Samuel Sowton (who bought copper for the Company at Stockholm) was instructed to ascertain all particulars. A month before the declaration of war with Holland, the Company forwarded to Sowton a copy of the King's proclamation calling home all British seamen from foreign parts, in order that it should be brought to the notice of any English sailors serving in vessels bound from Stockholm to the Indies. He was also asked to keep the Company informed of the lading and destinations of such ships (pp. 84, 103, 107, 119, 147, 153, 155).

[1] Sir Andrew Riccard (Governor, 1660–1, 1664–8, and 1670–2) bequeathed £100 to the Company for their poor at Poplar (p. 244).

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The City Garbler complained that pepper had been delivered ungarbled and that the porters of the Pepper Cellars had used the Company's tools for sifting, garbling, and cleansing other merchants' goods contrary to the law and greatly to his damage, and the Court thereon instructed the Keeper of the Pepper warehouse to prevent the latter practice and not to deliver any pepper sold to any grocer before it had been garbled and the seal of the Garbler's office fixed on the bags (p. 232). As regards loans, the Court declared that they did not intend to 'defalk' 6*s.* in every £100 lent to them on interest in accordance with the Subsidy Act, as this Stock was not liable to assessment, each adventurer being assessed for his own estate in the place where he lived and therefore no advantage would be taken of the clause (p. 21). The Accountant reporting that the goldsmiths in reducing fine silver to standard usually added $\frac{1}{11}$ part instead of $\frac{3}{37}$ as they ought, the matter was referred to the Committee for the Treasury to act as they thought fit (p. 14). After representations to the King the export duty on iron ordnance was fixed at 5*s.* a ton (p. 294). On page 147 there is a reference to the capture of three small vessels laden with salt and of another which was going into Arundel, by a Flushing privateer. The streets in front of the Company's House and their Blue warehouse and others in Leadenhall and Lime Street were paved at a cost to the Company of £56 2*s.* 6*d.* (pp. 94, 148, 150–1).

The Governor reported the receipt of six guineas from some unknown person, enclosed in a statement to the effect that he was employed by the Company and 'through temptation was wrought upon to deceive his trust, and having repented of this great evill, he had asked forgiveness of God, and did the like of the Company, to whom he returned the money, being the value of what he had defrauded them of, with double interest'. Order was thereupon given for the six guineas to be paid into the Treasury and placed to the account of Profit and Loss 'as so much acknowledged to be restored that had been wrongfully taken from the Company' (p. 104).

Allusions to the late Duchess Dudley recall a romantic story of the time. Sir Robert Dudley, the reputed son of Queen Elizabeth's favourite, the Earl of Leicester, and himself a man of considerable talents and notable achievements, had married Alice, daughter of Sir Thomas Leigh; but in 1605 he deserted her, declaring the marriage invalid, and, having transferred his residence to Italy, provided himself with a new 'wife'. In 1620 he induced the German Emperor to confer upon him the

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titles of Earl of Warwick and Duke of Northumberland, which he claimed to have inherited. The grant was of course not recognized in England; but considerable sympathy seems to have been felt for his repudiated wife, and in 1645 Charles I conferred on her the title for life of Duchess Dudley. She died early in 1669, at the age of ninety, leaving many charitable bequests. Among them was one of £100 per annum to be spent in the redemption of Christian captives in foreign parts; and her trustees, seeking a permanent body upon which to devolve the administration of this fund, opened negotiations with the East India Company. The Court were at first disposed to undertake the responsibility (p. 15); but later, on finding that a decree had been made in Chancery for settling the said trust without their intervention, they declined to concern themselves any further in the matter (pp. 213, 218).

As in the case of previous instalments, the duties of reading the proofs and of compiling the index have been discharged by Miss Sainsbury, in addition to her main task of preparing the calendar itself. It may be well to recall that personal names are spelt throughout exactly as they occur in the various entries, leaving it to the index to unify them, cross-references being inserted when necessary.

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A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JANUARY 4, 1671 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 172).

Mr. Ward requesting that the salary of his son, who has lately been employed at Achin, may be augmented, order is given for the President and Council at Surat to be desired in the next general letter to send an account of the said son's behaviour and service, and of any others in the Company's employment there. Certain Committees are desired to report on the account of John Marsh and what they think should be done about his mother's desire to receive one-third of his salary. The Agent and Council of Bantam to be advised that the Court has noted the desire of Karea for guns, but as no exact information can be obtained of the size required, two only have been sent, the rest shall follow when the said information is forthcoming. One large looking-glass, two pieces of satin, one green the other scarlet, and 40 oz. of gold and silver lace to be sent to Bantam for presents. The owners of the *Antelope* to deliver to Edward Herrys, free of fine, some calicoes and satin sent to him from his son at Fort St. George. Harbert to draw up an account of the copper bought by Mr. Sowton at Stockholm in order that its cost per ship-pound may be ascertained, freight and all charges to be included. A similar account to be drawn up of the copper bought at Hamburg. Permission is given to Messrs. Walthew and Jenings to ship out certain goods. The petition of Captain William Hutchins is referred to the Shipping Committee to do therein as they see fit. The owners of the *John and Martha* report that she is at Erith and fully provisioned, and desire protection for her men and an account for her last voyage. They are told that the necessary directions shall be given, and endeavours made to procure the said protection, but they must sign their charter-party at once and hasten to Gravesend. The Secretary to attend Mr. Wrenn in order to obtain protection from His Royal Highness for the mariners in the nine outward-bound ships, to prevent their being impressed into the King's service during the voyage. A decree made in the Court of Exchequer and produced by the Agent of the Bishop of

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London is read; it relates to certain moneys in the Company's hands belonging to the late Jeremy Sambrooke, but to be paid to the said Bishop. The matter is referred to Moses, who is told to attend next Friday about it. A clause touching kentledge, reported by the committee to whom it was referred, is read, and order given for it to be inserted in all charter-parties of vessels employed by the Company. A warrant to be made out to the owners of the *Sampson* for transportation of eight passengers aboard her on the Company's account at 8*l.* per head. A list of forty-one passengers in the *Unicorn* on the Company's account is referred to Mr. Davison to report upon. A gratuity of 40*s.* is given to Mr. Harris's maid-servant for cleaning the Company's house the last two years. (2 *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JANUARY 4 (AFTERNOON), 1671 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 174).

Letters from Surat considered and the answers to several clauses declared. Several alterations proposed to be made in the affairs of Bombay by the President and Council are referred to the Committee for Accounts, who are to compare the same with the established laws sent out, and report what they think should be done. The Committee for Surat to report upon Captain Young's answer touching the customs, and other things objected against him in the last letter from Surat. Credit to be placed to the account of Mr. Aungier for one-quarter of the registered permission due for bullion and treasure taken out and brought back from Surat. Ordered that a commission be drawn up constituting Gerald Aungier Governor of Bombay, and for Matthew Gray to succeed him in case of death or removal. An engineer to be engaged upon reasonable terms to drain the grounds overflown in Bombay. Mr. Andrews to be notified to attend the Court next Friday. (1 *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JANUARY 6, 1671 (*Ibid.*, p. 175).

The Committee for Accounts report their approval of the proposals made by the President and Council of Surat for altering the method of their accounts, and the time of balancing their books, thinking it will be advantageous to the Company, provided the said time is arranged so as to take in all the accounts of the subordinate factories. They also approve of what the President and Council have done in settling the judicature of the Island of Bombay, but as no detailed account of this has been given to the Court, they hope the President and Council have

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taken and will take care that the rule for trial of criminal and other causes of weight, by a jury, will be duly observed. A letter from Mr. Sowton at Stockholm is read, dealing with the price of copper and the fittest season for providing it, but consideration of this is deferred. Meantime certain Committees are desired to ascertain and report the best terms upon which the Company can be supplied with copper by other persons. John Goodier, a London merchant, and Theophilus Childe, a London haberdasher, are accepted as security in 500*l.* for Jeremy Goodier, writer. The Auditor to report what orders have been given about the quicksilver sold by Sir Francis Clarke to the Company. A bond of 100*l.* to be accepted from Mr. Andrews (besides the covenant in charterparty) for the return to England of Mr. Arthur by the ship *Bombay*, in which he is entered as purser's mate for the present voyage. The Committee for Surat to read the former commission, by which Sir George Oxinden was appointed Governor of Bombay, and others named to be of Council there, prepare the draft of a new commission appointing Gerald Aungier as Governor, and Matthew Gray to succeed him in case of death or removal, the said Matthew Gray, Streinsham Maisters, Charles James, Philip Gifford, Alexander Grigby, Captain Burges and Captain Shaxton to be of Council to manage the affairs of the island, nominate such other persons to act with them as upon debate they shall see fit and present the same to the Court, and in all this call upon Moses for his assistance. (1½ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JANUARY 11, 1671 (*Ibid.*, p. 177).

A gratuity of 4*l.* to be paid to the deputy Searchers of the Customs for extraordinary attendance in shipping off the Company's goods at unusual hours. On reading a decree made in the Court of Exchequer, by which the Company is to pay to the Bishop of London, Great Almoner to the King, 1,537*l.* 17*s.*, due by bond in the name of Eulalia Andrews, being the money and estate of the late Jeremy Sambrooke, the Court give order for a warrant for this amount to be made out accordingly, and Dunkin is directed to take a discharge for the same from the Bishop, and to cancel the bond given by Mrs. Andrews. John Burrage, steward in the *Falcon*, having concealed some lead (a prohibited commodity) in a beer cask aboard that ship, Captain Seaman, the commander, is told that Burrage must not proceed in that voyage. The account of the *Advance*, commanded by Captain Bennet, to be debited with 40*s.*, the cost of a protest made against her. Permission is

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given to Joseph Tivill and Nathaniel Lownds to export several goods. The accounts of the late Mr. Springold and of James Adams to be drawn up and reported. Arthur Daintry, grocer, and Thomas Harris, haberdasher of London, are accepted as security in 500*l.* for Bartholomew Harris, writer. Captain Prowd to notify the commanders of the ships bound for Bantam that, unless they proceed at once to Gravesend and sail at the first opportunity, protests will be issued against them. Treasure to be shipped aboard the said vessels as soon as they are prepared to receive it. A warrant to be made out for payment of 81*l.* 4*s.* to Captain John Toldervey. The Bantam Committee to consider and report on the account drawn up by the Auditor. A warrant to be made out for payment to the surgeons of the Coast ships of 5*s.* per head for each person. (1½ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JANUARY 13, 1671 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 178).

Warrants to be drawn out for payment for passengers to the owners of the *Unicorn, European, East India Merchant, Humphrey and Elizabeth*, and *Bombay*. A warrant for 31*l.* 14*s.* 3*d.* to be made out to William Warren, attorney to John Marsh, for one-third of the latter's salary. James Young to be allowed to export in the *Satisfaction* 70lb. of white amber, valued at 80*l.*, on payment of permission. Ten black men and ten black women to be bought at St. Iago at not more than 12*l.* a head, transported in the ships bound for Bantam, and delivered to the Agent and Council there for the Company's service. Robert Nichols, a soldier from Bombay, to be paid 6*l.* The Committee for Private Trade report the obstructions preventing them from perfecting the account of the *Satisfaction*, and the owners are told that half the demurrage due by their default in not sailing from Gravesend according to charterparty is to be placed to their account, and that their charterparty for the present voyage must be endorsed obliging them to pay 100*l.* on return of the ship if Mr Brampston (if living) is not brought back, he having been taken out in the last voyage by Captain Southwell and left at Bantam, or in default of this, a certificate must be produced showing that Brampston was taken ashore and detained by special order of the Agent. The owners of the *Satisfaction* state that 100*l.* has been deposited with Mr. Knight for relief of the wives, children, and necessitous relations of the mariners in that ship who died in the last voyage, which should be distributed amongst them. Permission is given to the owners of the *Satisfaction* to ship out 4,000 pieces of eight, and to the owners of

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the *John and Martha* to ship out 3,000 pieces of eight. Captains Earning and Southwell take leave of the Court. (1½ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JANUARY 18, 1671 (*Ibid.*, p. 180).

Humphrey Faircliff to board the ships bound for Bantam and note the number of men, the stores, and provisions and report. John Stock is admitted to the freedom by redemption, and Robert Pierson is admitted gratis. Mr. Day requests that the law proceedings against Mr. Cheval may be stayed as he undertakes to clear all his remaining goods 'very suddenly'; he is told that next Friday the cost of the suit will be known and then the Court will answer him. A report drawn up by the Auditor touching several errors and omissions between the Bantam and Macassar books, and about Mr. Pearle, is agreed to. Captain Henry Young to be notified to attend the Court next Friday. The same quantity of wine and mum to be provided for Surat and Bombay as was sent last year. The account of the *Antelope* to be examined to ascertain if it is debited with a fine for piece-goods belonging to Henry Powell, which being for his own use has been remitted. All remaining goods to be sent aboard the Surat shipping. The Surat Committee to meet this afternoon and consider about a fitting salary for the Deputy Governor of Bombay, and for Captain Shaxton, who is entertained as a factor and is to command a company of soldiers; also what should be allowed to Captain Young for the time he has served the Company on the island; and what increase, if any, should be given to the Second at Surat; with anything else which concerns the affairs of Bombay and requires dispatch. Allowance to be made to the owners of the *Satisfaction* for some damaged white pepper belonging to Prior Mansfield, a factor at Bantam. Samuel Sambrooke, Junior, is given permission to export to Bantam, olives and some gold and silver lace. Richard Cooper, wine-cooper, and Thomas Benier, vintner, accepted as security in 1,000*l.* for George Wilcox instead of Mr. Rowell. The Deputy to ascertain from the commanders of the Surat ships what kentledge guns they intend to carry. (2½ *pp.*)

THE COMPANY TO CAPTAIN ANTHONY EARNING, JANUARY 18, 1671 (*Letter Book*, vol. iv, p. 420).

They have designed four ships for Bantam, his own, the *John and Martha*, the *John and Margaret*, Captain Lord, the *Satisfaction*, Captain Southwell, and the *Unity*, Captain Cruft, and wish them to keep company,

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at least as far as St. Iago, where it would be well for them to refresh. They are to sail thirty leagues to the westward of the 'Maderaes' as it is not known what Turkish men-of-war may be about the Straits, especially near the Canary Islands. Captain Earning, on arrival in the Downs, is to consult and agree with the three other commanders as to how best this may be done, and give order for all guns to be mounted and decks cleared for defence in case of an attack. If, however, a fair wind should set in before all four vessels arrive in the Downs one is not to wait for the other, but to proceed on the voyage. On arrival at St. Iago the four commanders are to buy twenty 'lusty young negroes, ten men and ten women (for their wives)' as cheaply as possible, not exceeding forty rials each or fifty at the most, take them to Bantam, using them well, and what is reasonable shall be allowed for their passage. Captain Earning, who is to buy four negroes, is sent 200 rials for their purchase, but if the negroes cannot be procured, the Captain is to deliver the said money to the Agent and Council at Bantam. While in India and on the homeward voyage he is to endeavour to keep with the other three ships, or with such of the Company's vessels as he shall meet, so far as may consist with directions received from the Agent and Council at Bantam. *Letters of the like purport are written to the other commanders, and the sum of* 200 *rials each delivered to Captains Earning and Cruft, with which each is to buy four Blacks, and* 300 *rials each is delivered to Captains Southwell and Lord, they each to buy six Blacks, in all* 1,000 *rials are given for the purchase of twenty Blacks.* (1 *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JANUARY 20, 1671 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 182).

A representation from Edward Rolt on behalf of his brother now in Persia is read. Rolt is told that his said brother at his own request has been made Chief in Persia, that the Company's affairs in Surat with regard to succession in the Presidency have been settled, but that consideration will be taken of any good service he shall do. The Court, noting from Mr. Rolt's address that he is acquainted with some of their proceedings relating to Surat, enjoin all Committees present to observe strict secrecy in the Company's affairs, and command the Secretary to inform all Committees now absent of this order. The Governor to write to Sir William Godolphin and entreat him to use his utmost endeavours to effect what is desired as speedily as possible and report what probability there is of success. Certain papers produced

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by Captain Young in vindication of charges brought against him are referred for consideration to next Wednesday, when papers and consultations from the Fort and Bay are to be read. Inspection and report to be made of a parcel of coral offered for sale. Captain Privet to be allowed to export some fine broadcloth and cochineal after they have been examined by the Husband. The petition of Mary Sargeant is referred to the Shipping Committee. The report touching Bombay and Surat is referred to next Wednesday. The Stationers bill to be examined. The owners of the *John and Margaret* ask permission to present another commander in place of Captain Lord, and for time to settle the accounts of that ship; they are given till next Monday and told that in the meantime they must supply their ship with all necessary stores and provisions and prepare her to sail from Gravesend, and Captain Prowd is directed to take an account and report concerning the same. A report concerning the account of money due to the late Robert Springold for service at Bantam is approved. Ordered that no letters of recommendation be written by any of the Committees to the President, Agents, or Chiefs in India on behalf of any factor or writer in the Company's service. (1¾ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JANUARY 23, 1671 (*Ibid.*, p. 184).

Mr. Legay, one of the owners of the *John and Margaret*, requests the Court's approval of Captain Martin's appointment as commander in place of Captain Lord. A letter from Lord is read, in which he prays for the mediation of the Court to compose his difference with the owners. But after consideration, the Court confirm the choice of Martin for the present voyage, in case Lord should not give timely and satisfactory cause for his continuance in the service. Meanwhile Captain Martin is to see that all things necessary for the dispatch of the ship are prepared. The Court to be informed next Wednesday which of the owners is to sign the charterparty and be entrusted with the dispatch of the vessel. The letter written by Captain Lord is given to Mr. Legay for the owners to read. A draft of a commission for the Governor of Bombay is read and returned to the Committees who prepared it, that they may consult with Moses touching 'the title and phrases', and make amendments agreeable with the Company's charters. (1 *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JANUARY 25, 1671 (*Ibid.*, p. 185).

Sir Samuel Barnardiston and Samuel Reynardson, a London mer-

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chant, are accepted as security in 1,000*l.* for Isaac Reynardson, factor Isaac Reynardson and Edward Rolt are permitted to export several goods mentioned in a list now read. The following report from the Committee for Surat is read, viz.: they are of opinion that the Deputy Governor of Bombay should have an annual salary of 120*l.* for the time being for civil, military, and mercantile affairs; that Captain Shaxton should be allowed 100*l.* per annum as factor and for his military employment. That Captain Young should be allowed for past services a captain's pay of 8*s.* a day from his arrival at, to his departure from Bombay, and be paid his salary as factor from the time he left Bombay to his embarking for England, and from his arrival at Surat to his arrival at Bombay. That the annual salary of 120*l.* should be continued to the Second at Surat. That the President and Council of Surat be recommended to reduce, at a fitting opportunity, the captain's pay on the island that it may not exceed 80*l.* annually, and that any factor having military employment as captain should not be paid more than 100*l.* a year. That no one on the island is to be given two military employments. That the fine on musters of calicoes made in Bombay and brought home by Captain Young be remitted. That directions be given in the letter to Surat for the President and Council to sign the general books of accounts before sending them to England, as is customary at the Fort and other factories. That Captain William Hutchins be entertained at a yearly salary of 40*l.* and recommended to the President and Council as a fit person to take care of the Company's ships, boats, and stores for sea and land, and, if employed in any of the Company's ships, given the usual rate of pay. (Dated January 18, 1671, and signed by John Banks, Michael Davison, Nathaniel Herne, Thomas Papillon, and John Goodier.) The Court approve of the above report and order it to be inserted in the general letter. At the request of Robert Davies, his difference with the Company is referred to certain arbitrators, who are to settle the same by February 25 next. Dunkin and his assistant are directed to keep the Company's cash entirely separate, and not to keep the cash of any private person in future. Henry Powell is remitted fines on some piece-goods, they being for his own private use. The Court, noting the danger of loss that may arise from papers and writings being passed from one office to another without any register kept of them, order a waste-book to be placed in each office, in which all books or papers lent are to be entered, with the names of those to whom they are delivered and the time of delivery, so that

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they may be called in and returned to their respective offices. An account of saltpetre sold by the Company to the King, by contract made with the late Earl of Southampton and the Commissioners of the Ordnance, with the interest due on the same is delivered to Mr. Collins, an officer belonging to the Brookehouse Commissioners, and Harbert states that he has tried several times to deliver this account at Brookehouse but could never find any one there to receive it. The Governor directs that the Commissioners be told of this, and that if anything in the account needs explanation it shall be given. (2¼ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JANUARY 25, 1671 (AFTERNOON) (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 187).

Several papers presented by Captain Young are read, in which he shows that he did not instigate the natives of Bombay in their turbulent petitioning for his continuance there. After some consideration, the Captain is called in and told that the inhabitants cannot be allowed to act in this manner, nor can he be excused in the matter. But as lately the natives have been more severely dealt with and the good effects of the Company's orders may be imputed to the Captain, the occurrence will be overlooked, but it must not happen again. The Captain engaging to behave to the President and Council with all due respect, and to act peaceably with diligence and faithfulness, it is resolved that he shall continue in his employment, and a clause to this effect be inserted in the Surat letter. (¾ *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JANUARY 27, 1671 (*Ibid.*, p. 188).

The Governor with some of the Committee for Dutch Affairs to go to Sir John Trevor's to meet Sir William Temple. Sir William Thomson relates a talk he had with one of the Lords of the Privy Council, which being 'a matter of importance', the Committees present are enjoined to secrecy. The charterparty of the *John and Margaret* to be renewed and her owners to undertake that she shall sail from Gravesend by February 10 next. Andrew Duncan, Sir Francis Clarke, and Christopher Boone to be allowed to export to India, permission free, some cochineal; and the like permission is given to John Jolliffe, for account of President Aungier. Resolved that on and after March 25 next, every free man of the Company shall be allowed to export cochineal to India paying 2 per cent., and all who are not free of the Company to pay 4 per cent., the master of the ship in which it shall be carried to be allowed to give

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bills of lading for the same and receive one-quarter of the said permission for taking charge of it. Signor Gomes Rodriques and Francis De Lis to be allowed to export certain goods, a list of which is now read. James Adams to be paid his salary from the time of his arrival at Surat to the time of his departure for Bombay, and as he is to be employed in some of the South Sea factories, he is also to be allowed half his salary from the time he left Bombay to July 30, 1671. Captain Young is also to be given half pay for the same time, as he is to be employed in Persia, both salaries to begin on the arrival of Adams and Young in India. The difference between the Company and Sir Francis Clarke is referred to arbitrators, who are now named and directed to determine the matter by the last day of February next. A paper signed and sealed by Peter Hasbert, Junior, is produced, by which the Company is released from all dividends formerly made on a subscription of 200*l.*, of which 100*l.* was paid in when it was transferred by Samuel Dover to the said Peter Hasbert; order is given for the release to be delivered to the Treasury Committee. (1¾ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, FEBRUARY 1, 1671 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 190).

Roger Chappel asking that his difference with the Company may be settled by reference, he is told that this was agreed to in June, 1666, but he did nothing, which caused the Company to be put to the expense of a troublesome suit, yet if he is willing to give satisfactory security to accept the award made by arbitration and deposit 140*l.* for the cost of the said suit, his wish shall be granted. Ralph Marshall to be allowed to ship in the *Antelope* two chests of wine for account of his brothers at Surat. Examination and report to be made of the accounts of John Banks, John Squire, and William Thomson, minister. Eling, carpenter in the *London*, is given 10*l.* for work in that ship. Payment to be made to Edward Richbell, attorney to Edith Balling, mother and administratrix of the late John Balling, for wages due to the latter. James Oxinden asks if there are any further exceptions to the account of the late Sir George Oxinden that he may send them to Surat by this year's shipping; he also asks that the salary of his brother, who is serving as Secretary at Surat, may be increased. He is told that any exceptions shall be reported next Friday, and that consideration shall be had about his brother's salary. The Shipping Committee to give order for the *London* to sail to Gravesend and thence into the Downs

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at the first opportunity. The owners of the Surat ships to be permitted to export in their vessels as much amber as they desire provided they do not exceed their tonnage. Moses is directed to certify next Friday what money has been spent in the suit against Roger Chappel. Treasure to be sent aboard the Surat ships, and the owners to be told to attend the Court next Friday to give account of the kentledge provided for their present voyage. (1½ *pp.*)

THOMAS HOLDEN AT FALMOUTH TO JOSEPH WILLIAMSON, FEBRUARY 1, 1671 (*Public Record Office: S.P. Dom., Car.* II. 287, no. 165).

This morning put to sea the *Sampson*, the *Humphrey and Elizabeth*, the *East India Merchant*, the *European*, and the *Bombay Merchant*, all for the East Indies, the *Richard and John* for the Barbados, and several others for Ireland and France, and in the afternoon four Dutch East Indiamen. They stayed before the post came in, because there was a report here that the French King had sent two squadrons of eight and twelve men-of-war to waylay them about the Cape of Good Hope, and that there were a fleet of Dutch men-of-war with some more East Indiamen in the Downs to come after them; but when the post came they received no orders, so put to sea and have had ever since a fair wind. . . .

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, FEBRUARY 3, 1671 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 192).

At the request of Roger Chappel, he is given a copy of the covenants of arbitration usually entered into and told that he is to give security in 2,000*l.* penalty to perform the same. The owners of the Surat ships report the kentledge they have provided, viz.: Captain Peter Westlake, commander of the *Massingbird*, 25 tons, Captain Seaman of the *Falcon*, 17 tons, Captain Wildy of the *Phoenix*, 20 tons, and Captain John Goldsburgh of the *Antelope*, 15 tons, all in shot. They likewise agree to it being endorsed on their respective charterparties, thereby obliging themselves to bring back the same amount, for which they shall be paid at the rate of 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* a ton. Captain Goldsburgh to be allowed remission of fine on taffetas, which turned out to be illatches; Captain Wildy applies concerning the stoppage of his warrant for primage and average on account of 18*l.* overpaid to the owners of the *Madras*: he is told to ascertain if this was on account of private trade in which the owners were not concerned; if it were, he is to pay, but if not, then the

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owners are to repay their respective shares, and the names of those refusing to do so to be reported. In the commission now being prepared for the government of Bombay Alexander Grigsby's name is to be put before Philip Gyffard's. The following are given permission to export goods, viz.: Messrs. Ackworth, Ward, Reynardson, Darnelly, Stracey, Gray, Edwyn, Samuel Sambrooke, Junior, and Mrs. Bass. A surgery chest of medicaments, not to exceed 7*l.* in value, to be provided for Persia. A report from the Surat Committee of exceptions made to the account of the late Sir George Oxinden is read, and some additions made concerning private trade. The petition of Edward Swann is referred to the Shipping Committee, who are to entertain him as assistant to the Company's surgeon at Bombay at such salary as they see fit. Examination and report to be made of the petition of John Booker. The petition of Captain John Toldervey is referred to the Surat Committee. (1½ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, FEBRUARY 3, 1671 (AFTERNOON) (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 194).

Drafts of letters to the President and Council of Surat are read and referred to the Committee for Sambrooke's Warehouse, who are to read the list of goods ordered to be sent from Surat and make such alterations and additions to it as they see fit. Permission is given to Messrs. Stracey, Goodier, and White to send to Surat certain goods particulars of which are now read. (½ *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, FEBRUARY 8, 1671 (*Ibid.*, p. 195).

Articles of Agreement between the Company and Sir Thomas Chicheley (which the latter now signs) concerning saltpetre sold to him for the King's use are read, and permission is given for the saltpetre to be taken away after the 16th instant. Colonel Mewes and Captain Matthew Randolph accepted as security in 1,000*l.* for Captain John Shaxton, factor. A memorial from Mr. Povey, on behalf of Henry Gary, is read, and referred to the Surat Committee. Permission to export certain goods, particulars of which are now read, is given to Messrs. Reynardson, Mascal, Davis, Pettite, Godfrey, Houghton, Willoughby, Chase, Fox, Goodier, Merril, and Captain Henry Young. Culmer, pilot at Deal, to be presented with a silver tankard to the value of 10*l.*, engraved with the arms of the Company, as a gratuity for constant and ready service. Roger Chappel requests that his bond

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for 2,000*l.* may be accepted for performance of the covenants of award, and declares he will pay into the Treasury 100*l.* towards cost of the suit; hereupon four arbitrators are nominated and desired to determine all differences by March 20 next. The Committee for Accounts to give directions for such alterations to be made in Harbert's office as shall conduce to greater privacy in the Company's business transacted there, and to the convenience of those working with him. Mr. Prescot reports that the ships for Surat have taken in goods exceeding the five per cent. allowed, and some of them are not as fully provisioned as they should be; hereupon order is given for the commanders of the said ships to attend the Shipping Committee this afternoon, who are to act in the matter as they think fit. Captain Shaxton to be allowed 10*l.* for fresh provisions and 10*l.* for the cost of embarking his company. Captain Kedger, who was to command the new ship tendered last July and was promised entertainment before any other, being now otherwise employed, another commander is to be nominated. Payment of two per cent. to be made for musk valued at 200 dollars belonging to Captain Goodlad and brought back in the *Return*. A report from the Committee for the Coast and Bay touching errors in the books of accounts from Hūgli and Balasore is read and approved. (1¾ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, FEBRUARY 10, 1671 (*Ibid.*, p. 197).

A warrant for 50*l.* to be made out to William Thomson, late minister at the Fort, in payment of his gratuity. Thomas Browning, chosen a writer for the Coast, to proceed to Surat; Sir John Robinson and Hugh May, Esq. are accepted as his security in 500*l.* Permission money to be written off from the accounts of the President, Agents, and Chiefs in India for treasure and fine goods for which no register has been transmitted. Abraham Papillon is chosen as assistant to the Auditor at an annual salary of 40*l.* Saltpetre to be delivered to Sir Thomas Chicheley. The Committee for Private Trade to report on goods brought back in the *Return* for the account of Mrs. Whitehorn and Mr. Tuchin. The fine on some allejas to be remitted to the administrator of the late Thomas Boone, purser in the *Bantam Pink*. The sum of 18*l.* to be discounted from the warrant signed for Captain Wildy's primage and average for money overpaid him on account of the *Madras Merchant*. The Secretary to report next Wednesday what security has been given by the President and members of the Council at Surat. Edward Swan, chosen to go as assistant to the surgeon at Bombay or Surat, to be

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allowed 5*l.* yearly for clothes, another 5*l.* for fresh provisions, and to enter into covenants, without security, to serve five years. The three serjeants belonging to Captain Shaxton's company to be allowed 5*l.* each for fresh provisions. Permission is given to several factors to export goods and money, particulars of which are now read. (1¾ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, FEBRUARY 15, 1671 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 199).

The Portuguese Envoy presents a Memorial acknowledging the kindness shown to the Portuguese at Madras, desiring its continuance, and asking that the molestations of two French clergymen, who take upon themselves spiritual government without authority, may be stopped. He is told that the Court have had advice concerning these two men, and the 'King's General' is urging their removal; that the Company have written to their Agent and Council to endeavour to promote peace without making any breach with the King of Golcondah. With regard to the French Padres, the Company's Agent has been directed to take care that the Portuguese are not tyrannized over by any popish powers whilst they continue at Madras. Nicholas Reynardson is admitted to the freedom by patrimony. Captain Shaxton to be advanced 30*l.* on account of his pay. Spice formerly intended for his late father to be delivered to Sir Thomas Wolstenholme. John Atkins, chief mate in the *Return*, is appointed to command her in the room of Captain Whitehorn, deceased, and directions are given for all necessary repairs to be made to that ship. No further permission to be given for the shipping of coral beads to India. A report from the Surat Committee touching Henry Gary is read and order given for a copy to be sent to Mr. Povey. Gamaliel Nightingale is accepted as security, in the place of Richard Young, for Captain Henry Young. At the request of Sir John Austen, his brother, Samuel Austen, a writer at Surat for whom 1,000*l.* security has been given, is appointed a factor at a yearly salary of 20*l.* Captain Henry Young to be given 10*l.* for fresh provisions. The supply of copper to be considered next Wednesday. The Accountant reports that the goldsmiths in reducing fine silver to standard usually add $\frac{1}{11}$ part instead of $\frac{3}{37}$ as they ought; the matter is referred to the Committee for the Treasury to act as they see fit. Edward Byrch is appointed assistant to Dunkin at an annual salary of 50*l.* The salary of Peter Cossen, assistant to the Auditor, to be increased to 50*l.* a year. Sir John Banks is accepted as security in 500*l.* for Mr. Grigsby, in addition to

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500*l.* already given. The large silver seal to be deposited in the Treasury, and the commission prepared for the government of Bombay to be sealed with the same. Permission is given to several persons to export goods, particulars of which are now read. (2 *pp.*) .

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, FEBRUARY 17, 1671 (*Court Book*, vol. XXVA, p. 201).

A report from the Surat Committee touching Henry Gary is read, and Mr. Povey produces several papers in vindication of Gary, and desires they may also be read, but they are referred to the said Committee. On learning that Mr. Worth, one of the trustees of the late Duchess Dudley, desires the Company to undertake to receive and dispose of 100*l.* yearly, set apart by the said Duchess in her will for the redemption of captives, the Court consent to do so provided a clear settlement is made for receiving the rents without trouble, and full directions given for their distribution. James Master and James Oxinden are accepted as security in 1,500*l.* for Streinsham Master; and Richard Cradock and Thomas Gray as security in 1,500*l.* for Matthew Gray. A report to be made concerning some goods belonging to Mrs. Whitehorne and brought back in the *Return*. James Adams is granted remission of a fine on some calicoes returned in the *Antelope*. Captain John Toldervey to be paid 25*l.* The petitions of Hannah Hamlyn and Anna Ridge referred to the Committee for Private Trade. Permission given to several persons to export goods. Mr. Reynardson to be allowed to carry out permission free 3,000*l.* of stock, half now and the remainder in next year's shipping. The Governor is desired to write to Mr. Day. (1½ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, FEBRUARY 22, 1671 (*Court Book*, vol. XXVII, p. 202).

Humphrey Gyffard, Thomas Pearle, and John Culling are accepted as security in 500*l.* for Philip Gyffard; and the Right Honourable Francis, Lord Aungier, and Sir Joseph Ashe as security in 1,500*l* each for Gerald Aungier. Captain Henry Young to be paid the balance of his account. The Committee for the Coast and Bay to examine and report on certain papers delivered to the Court by William Thomson, late minister at the Fort. Signor Rodrigues de Soley to be allowed to ship out some rough amber, valued at 70*l.* sterling, on paying two per cent. permission. A complaint of some abuses offered to the Company's

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waiters aboard the *Return* is referred to the Committee for Private Trade, and Captain Atkins and the officers of the said ship are told to attend that Committee on Friday afternoon next. Leave is given to several persons to ship out money and goods entered in the register, particulars of which are now read. James Adams to be allowed 10*l.*, half for fresh provisions and half for the time he was at the Calico warehouse. The Governor is desired to write to Mr. Walker, a factor on board the *Falcon*. The account of the ship *John and Martha* to be reported. Charles Aston to pay Ann Ridge for wages due to her late husband. Examination and report to be made of the petition of Arthur Pilson. Mr. Travers to be paid for glasses bought for the Company. The Committee for the Coast and Bay report they have been informed that lately two Frenchmen having leave given them at St. Helena to go fishing landed on that island, but not at the usual place, and came over to the Fort. The Committee think that the Governor of the island should be written to and told not to permit this in future, and when any French, Dutch, or other foreign ships come to the island, to cause a good watch to be kept and not suffer any one to go with boats to any other part of the island to search for convenient landings, or fathom the depth of the water. They further report that one Bowes has been ordered home for some misdemeanours, and they think, it being to the interest of the Company that the island should be well peopled and planted, the Governor should be written to and told not to send away those who are settled in plantations for every offence, but that directions should be sent for punishment of crimes and offences, in accordance with the patent, and also the Company's rules for religious government, for when men have been at pains to settle, and are well established, it is very hard that they should be deprived of all and sent away, unless they have committed some capital offence. Hereupon order is given for a letter to this effect to be written to the Governor of St. Helena, and the Committee for Shipping and Plantations are directed to draw up such rules and instructions for the good government of St. Helena as they think fit. The Husband reports that 12*l.* is demanded for average on copper returned from Stockholm; he is directed to ascertain the usual procedure and act accordingly. (2½ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, FEBRUARY 24, 1671 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 205).

The Committee for Lawsuits to interview those indebted to the

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Company and report. In consideration of the good services performed by the late Henry Hamlyn in the fight of the *Return* with the Dutch and in her homeward voyage when he acted both as gunner and mate, his widow Hannah is granted a gratuity of 28*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.*, and the fine on some dungarees brought back in that ship for account of herself and her children is remitted. The searchers at Gravesend to be given 10*l.* gratuity for their care in dispatching the Company's ships. (1 *p.*)

RICHARD WATTS AT DEAL TO JOSEPH WILLIAMSON, FEBRUARY 26, 1671 (*Public Record Office: S.P. Dom., Car.* II. 287, no. 262).

Yesterday came six East Indiamen outward-bound. To-day they took in fresh provisions as sheep, hogs, fowls, &c. . . .

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, MARCH 1, 1671 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 206).

The Committee for Private Trade give in their report concerning goods brought home in the *Return* for account of the late Captain Whitehorn, and record their opinion that it is 'a busines of very evill consequence' for any Agent or factor to encourage persons to invest their stock in calicoes, as was done by the late captain, and that letters should be written ordering the profit made on the said calicoes by Jeremy Sambrooke to be refunded by him and brought to account of the Company. The Court agree to the above report, and order a warrant to be made out for payment to Mrs. Whitehorn for the goods of her late husband; she is also to be allowed to the value of two tons freight when the account of the *Return* is made up. The chirurgeon in the *Unicorn* to be paid at the rate of 3*s.* per head for the forty-one passengers aboard that ship bound for St. Helena. In consideration of the short stay made at Fort St. George by the *Return*, which prevented her company having the usual opportunities for lawful private trade, the Court direct that when the men are paid their wages an additional month's pay shall be given to them as a gratuity and by way of encouragement. The Committee for Private Trade to consider how mariners may be encouraged in their lawful private trade by having commodities in India at the usual rates without being imposed upon by the factors; also to ascertain if any of the warehousekeepers at home trade in any of the commodities under their charge. Harbert to give in an account of the cost per cwt. of the copper that came last year from Stockholm and Hamburg. Goods to be delivered to Samuel Sambrooke free of fine. (2½ *pp.*)

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A COURT OF COMMITTEES, MARCH 3, 1671 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 208).

Sir William Thomson reports that last Tuesday Lord Arlington told him of a letter that came from the Secretary to the King's Ambassador in Paris touching proposals made by one Monsieur Barron in reference to the trade to Japan, &c. Sir William also repeats the discourse he had with Lord Arlington on the subject. The letter is read, and the Deputy and several of the Committees, or any three of them, are desired to meet M. Barron where and when they see fit to discuss his first proposal about Japan, and tell him that the Court reject wholly the last proposal as 'unjust and dishonourable'. The petition of John Hetherwick to be examined. Commission to be given to Mr. Sowton at Stockholm to invest 4,000*l.* in large copper Ungar plates at the cheapest rate possible, and be advised that a greater quantity will be wanted provided the price is reasonable. Thomas Short to be paid for oil of cinnamon and a case of crystal glasses. Samuel Devisher is admitted to the freedom by redemption. The Committee for Lawsuits send in a list of the Company's debtors, and the Court resolve that proceedings shall be taken against Sir John Cloberry and Thomas King, letters written to Francis Bond in Barbados, Daniel Hungerford, and Gilbert Beavis to inform them of their debts to the Company, and request them to send payment speedily; that the moneys owing by Ralph Hudson and Thomas Donn be written off to the account of profit and loss; and that George Perin and Thomas Doyley, who live in the Mint, be summoned to attend the Court. (1¼ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, MARCH 8, 1671 (*Ibid.*, p. 209).

The time given to the referees nominated to settle the difference between the Company and Robert Davies is extended to April 10 next. Theophilus Childe, haberdasher, and John Goodier, merchant, both of London, are accepted as security in 1,000*l.* for John Childe, a factor in India. The freight of some goods returned in the *London* to be remitted to Samuel Sambrooke, Senior. A warrant for 8,000*l.*, on account, to be made out to the Farmers of the Customs and dated the 1st of this month. The Accountant presents a statement concerning an adventure of 100*l.* assigned by Samuel Dover to Peter Hasbert, Junior, but entered in the Company's books without any distinction as to whether it belonged to Hasbert, Senior or Junior; orders are given for this mistake to be rectified. Matthew Andrews, Robert Knightley,

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and Captain Jonathan Hyde propose to build a new three-decker for the Company's service, to be ready by November, 1672; they are told that if they build one of a size approved by the Shipping Committee, and not above 500 tons burden, she shall, in case the Company want a vessel, be employed before any other, but that when the Surat ships return a definite answer shall be given. The sheds belonging to the Blue Warehouse to be repaired, and a new crane erected there. Upon a report by Sir William Thomson concerning the conversation had by the Committees with M. Barron touching trade to Japan, the said Committees, or any three of them, are desired to meet M. Barron again and confer about the particulars which have now been debated, and report. John Mitford, merchant, is accepted as security in a bond of 4,000*l.* for Samuel Sowton, who is employed to buy copper for the Company at Stockholm. Henry Gary's account to be stated. (1½ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, MARCH 10, 1671 (*Ibid.*, p. 211).

John Banks to be informed that the Company have ordered Mr. Sowton to buy copper to the value of 4,000*l.* sterling, and that if Banks will direct his brothers to accept and pay Sowton's bills of exchange to that amount and charge the same to the Company, it shall be repaid in London. A report concerning the salary of John Goodier is read, and the Surat Committee desired to consider the several capacities in which he has served, and certify how long he acted in each, also to examine the errors and mistakes in the Surat books of accounts drawn up by the Auditor in January, 1669 and 1670, and report how far they think Goodier is concerned in these. A report of the further discussion had by the Committees with M. Barron is made, and the Court, being dissatisfied with the greatness of his demand in regard to salary and his refusal to give security for the faithful discharge of his trust, do not think fit to proceed with his proposals, and desire the Committees, or any two of them, to acquaint Lord Arlington with what has passed in the matter. Resolved to hold a general court of sales on May 2 next. (1 *p.*)

THE COMPANY TO SAMUEL SOWTON [AT STOCKHOLM], MARCH 10, 1671 (*Letter Book*, vol. iv, p. 442).

Intend to send in their next year's shipping to India some copper plates, so commission him to invest for their account 4,000*l.* sterling in the purchase of 'large copper Unger plates'. Give him timely advice that

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he may buy them at the cheapest rates and ship them in time for the summer season. He is to lade the copper in two or three good free vessels bound for London sailing by the last of June at furthest, consign them to Thomas Sprig, Merchant, in London, and draw the money from Charles & James Banks at Hamburg, to whom order has been given to accept bills from Sowton or his assigns to the said amount. If the price of the copper is encouraging, Sowton shall be given further commissions, therefore they desire to hear frequently from him. ($\frac{1}{2}p$.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, MARCH 15, 1671 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 212).

On consideration of a letter from Mr. Sowton at Stockholm, dated February 18 last, the Governor is asked to write and instruct him to contract for copper plates to the value of 10,000*l*., if they can be had at 5*l*. 14*s*. the cwt., his own commission included, and be delivered in England in June, July, and August next, free of all other charge. Joseph Dawson is admitted to the freedom gratis in consideration of his readiness to serve the Company upon all occasions at his place at the Custom House. John Banks declares he is ready to act as the Company desire with regard to bills of exchange to be drawn on his brothers at Hamburg by Sowton, at $\frac{1}{3}$ per cent. for provision besides the carriage of letters and brokerage, whereupon order is given for such bills as shall be drawn on the Company by John, Charles, or James Banks to be met and paid. A warrant to be made out for payment to John Culmer for a bill of exchange drawn by Thomas Fitch, purser in the *London*, and for provisions for the said ship, and order is given for the account of the said Fitch to be examined and reported. Mr. Prescot to be asked what fees are demanded by the officers at the Custom House at Sandwich. Henry Gary's account to be stated. Samuel Barron again offers his services and wishes to know on what terms the Company will employ him; he withdraws and the Court, after reverting to the greatness of his former demands, request two of the Committees to acquaint him with the Company's intentions with regard to his employment and salary. Barron, on hearing these, declares they fall far short of his expectations, but refers himself to the Court's consideration 'as he shall be found to deserve'. Hereupon, certain of the Committees are desired to meet him in the afternoon and make what agreement they see fit. The owners of the *Antelope* to be paid for thirty passengers carried for account of the Company, and the surgeon of the said ship to be paid at the rate of 5*s*.

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per head for them. The Committees of the Fourth and United Joint Stocks to meet to-morrow morning to consider Henry Gary's demands and do as they think fit. The Committee for the Treasury to put a stop to the receipt of money into the Treasury upon loan, and make a timely provision of bullion for Bantam. Letters to be sent to Sir Edward Sprague, to the same effect as those formerly written to Sir Thomas Allen, to desire his assistance in procuring satisfaction for the Company's treasure plundered from aboard the *Morning Star* by a Turkish man-of-war off Cadiz in March, 1669. The Consul at Algiers also to be written to for assistance in the matter. (1¾ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, MARCH 17, 1671 (*Ibid.*, p. 214).

On being asked whether the Company intend to 'defalk' 6*s.* in every 100*l.* lent to them on interest (as is mentioned in the Subsidy Act) the Court declare that this Stock is not liable to assessment, each adventurer being assessed for his own estate in the place where he lives, and therefore no advantage will be taken of this clause. The owners of the *Phœnix* to be paid 8*l.* a head for the twenty-seven passengers received on board for the Company's account. A memorial from Anthony Beale, who assisted in surveying the Company's shipping, is referred to the Shipping Committee. A report rectifying the agreement made with M. Barron is read; in this he is to serve the Company for five years wherever they shall think convenient at an annual salary of 120*l.*, he referring himself to them for any further gratuity he shall be found to deserve, and on condition that he may return to England after three years if he so desires; his salary to begin from the time of his entertainment, one half to be paid in India if he wishes. His request to be allowed to have Jan France to assist him at a salary of 5*l.* a year, and that they may both be provided with accommodation until they are sent away, is, on being put to the vote, agreed to, *nem. con.*, provided the said France produces within a month a testimonial from the Protestant church in Paris certifying that he is of the reformed religion and has held communion with them whilst he was in France. The Committees, who delivered the report, are requested to prepare a draft of the covenants to be entered into by Barron, and the form of an oath of fidelity to the Company to be taken both by Barron and France; they are also to give directions that proper accommodation of diet and lodging be provided for the two men, so that Barron may be ready at all times to attend the Court. Thirteen Committees are nominated to consider about the Japan trade, and they,

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or any three of them, are authorized to decide what ships and cargoes should be sent to those parts, with anything else relating to this project, and the care of it all is entrusted to Sir William Thomson, and in his absence to Mr. Papillon. The petition of John Thomas is referred to Captain Prowd for examination and report. Bills for chirurgery chests, lately provided and sent to India, to be examined and paid. (1¾ *pp.*)

THE COMPANY TO SAMUEL SOWTON [AT STOCKHOLM], MARCH 17, 1671 (*Letter Book*, vol. iv, p. 442).

Have received his letter of February 18, advising the rates of copper plate, and now commission him (over and above what they ordered in their preceding letter) to contract to the value of 10,000*l.* sterling for copper Ungar plates to be delivered in London in June, July, and August, the price not to exceed 5*l.* 14*s.* per cwt., this to include his commission and all other charges of freight, custom, etc., which is rather more than they have lately paid in London. On delivery of the said plates they will make punctual payment according to agreement. *Copy of this letter with a small addition for confirmation sent March* 31, 1671. (¼ *p.*)

MINUTE BY THE NAVY BOARD, NAVY OFFICE, MARCH 21, 1671 (*Public Record Office: S.P. Dom., Car.* II. 297, no. 45).

On a discourse with Sir John Bankes as to calculating the tonnage of the *Dunkirk* and *Convertine* freighted by the East India Company. That with regard to the Board's demand of 40 tons more for freight of the former than she brought, the Company showed a certificate by Bass, her master, that she was fully laden in India; also another certificate by several commanders of their ships then at Swally, that all care was used by the Company's agent there to provide for her full stowage, and that the commanders supposed she might contain 300 tons of goods if one-third was pepper, but they had doubts whether she would bear so much at a convenient draught of water. The Company also offered a copy of a clause in a letter of Sir George Oxenden to Sir William Rider, affirming that a boat laden with pepper lay twenty-four hours by the ship's side and was not taken in for want of room, and appealing to Captain Arnold Brown's memory, as also the testimony of Mr. Goodyeare, then their Second at Surat, to justify it. That as to the *Convertine*, the Company pretend and remain to prove that she was not delivered to them according to charterparty till March 20, and urge the letter of the contract for her freight, to determine at her return to the river; against which the Board urge her not being returned to the King, and conse-

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quently the reasonableness of her being still reputed in freight until the date of the Company's letter, desiring the Board to survey and take her back. Memorandum that the bill for 1,750*l.* was advanced upon her, and interest therefore expected for the 5,000*l.* not paid. (1½ *pp.*; *Copy.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, MARCH 22, 1671 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 216).

The Committees for the several warehouses to examine the respective warehousekeepers' accounts. The Court concur with the report of the dimensions of the new ship to be built by Captain Hyde. At the request of Mr. Povey, attorney to Mr. Gary, the dispute concerning the salary of the latter is referred to arbitration and the referees named. Payment to be made to the owners of the *Massingberd* and *Falcon* for transportation of passengers for the Company's account. The petition of Francis Chamberlayn is read and order given for such papers and accounts in the Company's keeping as may be useful to him to be examined. The petition of Derick Elers is referred to several Committees, with the reference made to it by the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, to consider and state what should be reported to Their Lordships. A report of Mr. Goodier's account is read and order given for him to be allowed at the rate of 120*l.* per annum from the time he became accountant to the time he left India, this account to be made out accordingly and, in consideration of his good services both at Surat and Bombay, he is given a gratuity of 200*l.* and a gold medal to the value of 20*l.* Mr. Nanfan offers a new three-decker for the Company's service, burden about 500 tons, now being built at Powton, Lancs.; he is told that when she is brought into the Thames, if found suitable and if the Company have need of more shipping than has been already tendered, she shall be entertained before any other. The Court concur with a report now submitted concerning an adventure of 100*l.* belonging to Peter Hasbert, Junior. Jane, wife of Thomas Amos, silk-dyer, to be paid 5*l.* from her husband's wages. The award made in the dispute between the Company and Roger Chappel is read. The draft of the covenants prepared for Samuel Barron is reported, and the Committees who drew it up opining that it may be necessary to insert some other commodities prohibited for private trade, in regard to the place to which he is designed, they are directed to confer with M. Barron about the intended voyage to Japan before perfecting the said covenants. The form of the oath prepared for M. Barron to take is presented and approved. (2½ *pp.*)

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A COURT OF COMMITTEES, MARCH 24, 1671 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 218).

M. Barron to be allowed at the rate of 40*l.* a year, during the time he is ashore on the Company's business, for diet for himself and his assistant. Payment to be made to John Goodier. Captain William Baker offers to build for the Company's service a two-decker of about 400 tons burden; he is told that several new ships have lately been offered, yet if it is found that more are wanted his shall be entertained. The account with the Farmers of the Customs for custom due on jewels lately brought back in the Company's ships to be cleared. A report concerning the petition of Derick Eylers is approved, and order given for a certificate to be drawn up accordingly. Thomas Pearce, chirurgeon in the *Falcon*, to be paid for his care of passengers in that ship on the Company's account at the rate of 5*s.* a head. The Committee for the Treasury to pay all money due upon notes signed by Dunkin. A report upon the balance due upon the account of the *John and Martha* is approved, and the request of the owners to be paid 500*l.* upon account referred to the Committee for Private Trade. Some musk brought back in the *Return* for Mr. Folio valued at 2½ pagodas the oz. (the pagoda at 9*s.*) to be delivered to Nathaniel Herne as a freeman he paying permission. The owners of the *Morning Star* to be notified to attend the Court next Wednesday. (1¾ *pp.*)

AFFIDAVIT OF JOHN GOODIER, MERCHANT, OF PETERSHAM, SURREY, MARCH 24, 1671 (*Public Record Office: S.P. Dom., Car.* II. 297, no. 49).

That in 1662 the *Dunkirk*, being at Surat to be laden and despatched to England by the East India Company, he, as their Second there, remembers that a large country boat laden with pepper on the Company's account followed and attended on the ship for some time before she was ready to sail, and at last returned with a part of such pepper, the officers of the ship having alleged that the ship was full and could not take any more.

THE COMPANY TO SIR EDWARD SPRAGG, MARCH 27, 1671 (*Letter Book*, vol. iv, p. 443).

Have sent him copies of what they formerly wrote to Sir Thomas Allen concerning certain gold and silver taken out of their ship the *Morning Star* by a Turkish man-of-war from Algiers, as the conduct of

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that affair is now committed to his management. Entreat his help and assure him that if by his prudence and valour the pirates are induced to offer restitution either by force or treaty, the same shall be acknowledged by an honourable reward. Are informed by Sir Thomas Allen that all papers relating to this matter are in the hands of the Judge Advocate or Consul. The gold was in 'Hungary Ducketts'; their number is uncertain as they were bought by weight and shipped off. *To Sir Edward Spragg, Admiral of His Majesty's Fleet in the Straits. Sent to Leghorn and Marseilles.* (½ *p.*)

THE COMPANY TO THOMAS DETHICK AND COMPANY [AT LEGHORN], MARCH 27, 1671 (*Ibid.*, p. 443).

Send their letter to Sir Edward Spragg in which they desire his assistance for the recovery of the treasure seized from the *Morning Star*. Pray them to forward it by the first safe conveyance. *A letter of like tenor sent to Thomas Woodcoate at Marseilles.* (⅛ *p.*)

THE COMPANY TO CAPTAIN ROGER ANDREWS, MARCH 27, 1671 (*Ibid.*, p. 443).

Send him their letter to Richard Beavis in Guinea, who is indebted to them by bonds and bills of exchange to the value of 2,736*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* which he was ordered to pay to Captain Norbrooke, but did not do so. Beavis, in the enclosed letter, is desired to pay the said sum in 'good Guinea gold' to Andrews, who is to demand it from him, give a receipt for what he shall pay and bring it home in his ship. (¼ *p.*)

THE COMPANY TO RICHARD BEAVIS, MARCH 27, 1671 (*Ibid.*, p. 444).

Before the death of Captain John Norbrooke and before he left the Gold Coast they received several letters from him advising the non-performance of Beavis in paying his bills of exchange for their account, notwithstanding his bonds and promises to do so. If at the receipt of this letter Beavis has not paid, they order him to do so to the bearer, Captain Roger Andrews, in good Guinea gold and advise him not to fail in this lest he bring trouble on himself at his return home. A receipt from Captain Andrews for what is paid shall be sufficient discharge to Beavis. (¼ *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, MARCH 29, 1671 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 220).

Turmeric returned in the *Blackamoor* to be examined. The Court, on

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reading a list of debts reported by the Committee for Lawsuits, give the following orders:—the goods bought by Messrs. Sawcer and Scattergood to be resold; those bought by Daniel Gryel, who has been declared bankrupt, to be delivered to his brother David Gryel, who is to clear them with the interest due for late payment, and engage to discharge the Company of all demands concerning them. All named in the said list to be notified to attend next Wednesday's court. James Smyth to give bond for payment of what is due on his account. Thomas King to be spoken to about his debt. The debt of Captain Stephen Mitchel to be cancelled by reason of 'particular services' done by him for the Company. A writ to be taken out against Daniel Hungerford. Francis Bond at Barbados to be written to about his debt. Sir Thomas Chambers to be notified that unless he pays what he owes the Company, his bond will be put in suit. Consideration to be had as to how the money received for impost may be brought to account. John Ogilby to be paid 15*l.* for two books called 'His Atlas's of Africa and Japan' presented by him to the Company. Consideration to be had as to how to encourage buyers to clear their goods within the time of contract. (1¾ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, MARCH 31, 1671 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 222).

Benjamin Dethick is admitted to the freedom by patrimony, and Edward Rudge by redemption. A demand for 400*l.* imprest is made to the owners of the *Morning Star*, she not having performed her appointed voyage according to charterparty; hereupon it is represented that the owners have spent 2,400*l.* in fitting out the said ship, it was not their fault the voyage was not accomplished. It has caused them great disappointment and loss; after debate the Court decide to let them off payment of the said sum, they to deliver up their charterparty and give the Company a release. Allowance to be made to Mr. Beven for damaged calicoes. An account of the freight, custom, and all other charges due on Mr. Blake's goods to be drawn up and given to the Committee for Private Trade, upon whose approbation Dunkin is to give a discharge for it, upon Mr. Papillon paying the money owing. The Secretary to wait on the Officers of the Ordnance and ask for an assignment for payment, according to agreement, for saltpetre sold to them by the Company. The Committee for General Accounts to evolve some method whereby the Accountant may make the annual balance of the Company's books more speedily. Henry Pearle to be sued for

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his debt. Public notice to be given that all who have notes under Dunkin's hand for money lent to the Company bring them in and receive the several amounts, the Company having resolved not to be liable henceforth for any payment except by their common seal. After the election the Secretary is to give in a list of all the Company's debtors and of all suits depending or under reference, in order that orders may be issued about them. (1½ *pp.*)

JAMES BLACKBORNE AT PLYMOUTH TO JAMES HICKES, MARCH 31, 1671 (*Public Record Office: S.P. Dom., Car.* II. 288, no. 155).

. . . Yesterday came in the *John and Margaret* bound for the East Indies, but being three weeks at sea from foul weather in the Bay of Biscay, lost her foremast and sustained other damage. . . .

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, APRIL 5, 1671 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 224).

At the written request of Lady Dethick, she is to be notified before any part of her late husband's adventure is transferred. Sallampores bought by Mr. Hulbert to be examined, they having been mislaid and are now said to be damaged; order is given that in future no goods be sent from the warehouse until they have been examined by the purchaser. Calicoes to be priced in readiness for the sale. Mrs. Foxcroft to be paid 100*l.* on account of her husband's salary. Deborah Lord to be paid 30*s.* The Committee for Writing Letters to consider what should be written in the letter to Bantam, to go by the *John and Margaret*, now fitting at Plymouth. Robert Wait having died on the homeward voyage in the *Return*, the month's gratuity allowed to men in that ship is to be paid to his mother, who is his administratrix. The petition of Thomas Mottershed to be examined. (1 *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, APRIL 7, 1671 (*Ibid.*, p. 225).

Upon petition, Nicholas Bix, aged seventy-four, formerly Chief at Masulipatam, but now 'by reason of many losses in his estate is fallen to decay', is to be admitted to the Almshouse at Poplar and allowed 5*s.* weekly. A report from the Committee, to whom consideration of the trade to Japan was referred, is read; it is to the following effect—They are of opinion that for entrance upon that trade two ships should be provided to sail in August next, laden with European and Indian commodities to the value of about 30,000*l.*; that four able factors and

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four writers, besides the Chief and Mr. Barron, should go in them, with such presents as are thought suitable. That factories (if there are none already) may be settled at 'Tun keen' (Tung-kang), and as many factors left there as is convenient. They give a list of goods suitable to be sent from home, and from Bantam, with directions for their disposal, and for the future carrying on of the trade, and advise that only able and sober men be sent out or employed in this service, and that it be noted the Japanese do not permit any Chief to remain in office above one year. The Court approve of the said report and resolve to make provision accordingly. John Booker to be paid 30*s*. Mr. Leisher promising to clear his goods, the order for their sale is revoked. Upon the petition of Humphrey Edwyn he is given a gratuity of 100*l*. and at the same time is strictly enjoined not to engage in any private trade, either to or from India, and promised that if he continues faithful and diligent he shall be considered further according to his deserts. A report on the account of the late Captain Stringer is approved. Peter Delanoy to be paid for dyeing cloth. The Auditor to see that 'wast books' are kept in every office for registration of any books or papers sent from one office to another, and that Moses gives a receipt for any book or paper delivered to him; he is also to read once a quarter to the several officers the standing rules which concern them. (3½ *pp*.)

THE COMPANY TO CAPTAIN ROBERT MARTIN, APRIL 8, 1671 (*Letter Book*, vol. iv, p. 446).

Acknowledge his letter of the 31st past giving an account of the disaster which happened to him. 'Blesse God that he preserved you in that storme', and hope their other ships escaped. Doubt not but that he will fit his ship as quickly as possible and proceed on his voyage. Enclose a letter to the Agent and Council at Bantam and desire him to deliver it. (¼ *p*.)

THE COMPANY TO ISAAC TILLARD [AT PLYMOUTH], APRIL 8, 1671 (*Ibid*., p. 446).

Thank him for assisting Captain Martin, and doubt not but that the owners of his ship will acknowledge this and repay what Tillard has disbursed. With regard to his being daily solicited by a poor woman whose husband is in India, presumably as a soldier, but Tillard gives no name, therefore they desire he will do so, when they will consider the case. Beg him to deliver the enclosed letter to Captain Martin. (¼ *p*.)

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A COURT OF COMMITTEES, APRIL 12, 1671 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 229).

The Governor to give an acquittance for a bill of imprest for 15,000*l.* made out by the Officers of the Ordnance and payable to the Company on account of saltpetre bought by Sir Thomas Chicheley last October for the King's service. Dunkin is directed, upon delivery of the said bill and acquittance to Captain Wharton, to receive from the latter an assignment for that sum on His Majesty's revenue of firehearths. There being more than 8,000*l.* still due on the said saltpetre, for which according to contract the Company are to have assignments from the first moneys appointed for carrying on the office of the Ordnance, and Captain Wharton now proposing to assign payment on such orders as he has, either on the last act for the imposition on wines, or upon customs due next Lady Day, or upon the fee form rents at the election of the Court, a period of fourteen days is desired for consideration by the Court, who ask that in the meantime no disposition may be made of the order on the customs to any one else. This is agreed to. Dr. Thomas Goodwin is admitted to the freedom gratis, he being an adventurer in the General Joint Stock. Captain Price to be paid for a parcel of turmeric. A report on the account of disbursements of the Commissioners who went to Breda is read and approved. The carpenters bill for work done for the Company to be examined. A warrant to be made out for payment of 111*l.* 15*s.* to the Committees of the United Joint Stock for interest on 1,700*l.* John Dymond, an almsman, to be given 20*s.* for his present relief. (1¾ *pp.*)

A GENERAL COURT, APRIL 17, 1671 (*Ibid.*, p. 231).

The generality are told that, a scrutiny having been taken of their votes, it is found that Sir Andrew Riccard has been elected Governor, and Robert Thomson Deputy Governor, for the year ensuing. (¼ *p.*)

THOMAS HOLDEN AT FALMOUTH TO JAMES HICKES, APRIL 17, 1671 (*Public Record Office: S.P. Dom., Car.* II. 289, no. 64).

The *St. George* from Charente says the King of France has forty great men-of-war riding there ready for sea: the general report says, some for the East and West Indies and some for the Straits, but others that they are all for Dunkirk to meet the King there. . . .

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SIR GEORGE DOWNING TO SAMUEL PEPYS, APRIL 17, 1671 (*Public Record Office: Out Letters General* II, p. 445).

My Lords have considered your letter of November 3 last about the difference between the King and the East India Company concerning the freight of the *Leopard* and other His Majesty's ships sent formerly to the East Indies upon an agreement with the said Company. My Lords desire you will again meet Sir John Banks or whom else the Governor of the East India Company shall appoint, and make a state[ment] of the whole matter of fact, and then that you in person (on behalf of His Majesty and some one else) in behalf of the East India Company attend the Attorney-General, who will hear the whole business and report his opinion thereupon to my Lords.

A GENERAL COURT, APRIL 20, 1671 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 232).

The names of the twenty-four Committees elected for the following year are read, they are as follows: George, Lord Berkeley, Benjamin Albyn, Matthew Andrews, Sir Samuel Barnardiston, Sir John Banks, Christopher Boone, John Bathurst, Thomas Canham, Sir Francis Clarke, Michael Davison, Abraham Dolins, Sir James Edwards, John Hobby, Nathaniel Herne, James Houblon, John Jollife, Sir Kingsmill Lucy, Stephen Langham, John Moore, John Paige, Sir John Robinson, Sir William Thomson, Maurice Thomson, and Rowland Wynne. ($\frac{1}{2}$ *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, APRIL 21, 1671 (*Ibid.*, p. 233).

The Committee for Shipping to give directions for the speedy refitting and victualling of the *Return*. Certain Committees, or any three of them, to consider concerning the proposed trade to the north-east of India, and the report given in by the Japan Committee on the 7th instant, also what is further necessary to be provided for that trade. The Shipping Committee to ascertain and report how suitable vessels and persons may be obtained for this design. Sir John Banks to procure from Captain Wharton such assignments on the Exchequer, for payment due for saltpetre bought for the King's service, as shall be the first paid. The Court resolve to consider next Friday the clause in the preamble touching a valuation of all remains of Stock undivided to be made once in every seven years, between the first of May and the last of August. Five of the Committees are desired to undertake the

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management of the Treasury for the year ensuing. The Treasury Committees report that about last December a parcel of pillar money, to the value of 11,000*l.* for which the Company had no use, 'being otherwise accommodated', was returned to Mr. Hornby, for which he expected some consideration, alleging that he lost his market and was forced to coin the said money down, to his great damage. The matter is referred to the present Committee for the Treasury, who are to allow Hornby what they conceive to be just and right. Nathaniel Scottow is admitted to the freedom by redemption. The award, made by the arbitrators in the dispute between the Company and John Baptista Dutel and his wife Rebecca, administratrix to the late Thomas Leaver, is read, and order given for the sum of 164*l.* 15*s.* 9*d.* to be paid to the said Baptista Dutel and his wife. The Committee for Private Trade to dispatch the two ketches appointed to look out for the Company's ships now expected from India. Tillyard to be written to and told to hasten the ships *Loyal Merchant* and *Ann* from Plymouth into the Thames, and place four trusty men aboard the said vessels to prevent the landing of any private trade. Henry Herring, who has served the Company for many years, to be admitted to the Almshouse at Poplar. The officers of the Company are re-elected at their annual salaries, viz.: Michael Dunkin as Cashier, 200*l.*; Richard Harris, his assistant, 90*l.*, and as Housekeeper and Beadle, 30*l.*; Robert Blackborne as Secretary, 200*l.*; Elisha Coles, his assistant, 50*l.*; Samuel Sambrooke, Senior, Writer of Letters and Keeper of the Calico Warehouse, 200*l.*; Samuel Sambrooke, Junior, his assistant, 50*l.*; John Harbert, Accountant-General, 130*l.*; Leventhorp Altham, his assistant, 80*l.*; Humphrey Edwyn, Auditor, 100*l.*; Peter Cossen, his assistant, 50*l.*; Abraham Papillon, his other assistant, 40*l.*; Edward Byrch, assistant to Dunkin, 50*l.*; William Moses, Solicitor, 20*l.*; Thomas Sprigg, Husband, 200*l.*; Francis Thomson, his assistant, 60*l.*; George Papillon, Keeper of the Drug Warehouse, 160*l.*, and for managing the candle at the sales, 10*l.*; Charles Aston, Keeper of the Pepper Warehouse, 80*l.*; and as paymaster to the marines, 30*l.*; Captain John Prowd, Surveyor of Shipping, 80*l.*; Thomas Clayton, Doorkeeper, 40*l.*; Michael Prescot, Surveyor of Private Trade, 20*l.* Certain of the Committees to report touching the 'deportment and carriage' of Thomas Butler, William Saxby, Robert Machen, and Samuel South, clerks in the Accountant's Office, and others to ascertain the opinion of the Attorney-General in the case touching the ship *Leopard*. (2¾ *pp.*)

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THE COMPANY TO ISAAC TILLARD [AT PLYMOUTH], APRIL 22, 1671 (*Letter Book*, vol. iv, p. 446).

Acknowledge his letter of the 18th inst., advising the departure of Captain Martin, from whom they heard that by Tillard's assistance his ship had been well fitted. 'Blesse God' for the arrival of two of their ships from Bantam, and trust that Tillard has put two able persons on board each, with instructions to prevent or note the landing of any goods out of the said ships. (¼ *p.*)

HUMPHREY EDWIN TO SAMUEL PEPYS, APRIL 24, 1671 (*Public Record Office: S.P. Dom., Car.* II. 297, no. 145).

I send by order of Sir John Banks an account of His Majesty's and the East India Company's demands of damages for the Dutch East India Company's interruption of the *Leopard* and *Hopewell* in their voyage to Porcatt; also the States' resolution to make satisfaction for the same. When you conceive fit, Sir John will attend the Attorney-General touching the business of the *Leopard*.

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, APRIL 28, 1671 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 236).

Nathaniel Hunter is admitted to the freedom by patrimony. Thomas Place to be paid for mason's work done in the Company's house. Tillyard writing of the distressed condition of the wife of Richard Stephens, a soldier who went to Fort St. George in the *Charles*, it is resolved that she shall be sent 40*s.* from the 'Poore's box'. A General Court of Sales to be held on May 16 instead of on the 2nd of that month as formerly appointed. The Committee for General Accounts, in accordance with the preamble passed March 16, 1665, are desired to give directions for a valuation to be drawn up of all the remains of the present General Joint Stock undivided, and present to the Court with all convenient speed. Payment of 404*l.* 5*s.* to be made to Martha Stringer, administratrix of the late Captain Robert Stringer, in accordance with a report read and approved. (1½ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, MAY 3, 1671 (*Ibid.*, p. 237).

Mr. Cox requesting that he may have the proceeds of some white pepper sent home by Mr. Mainston, he is told that the said pepper was consigned to the Company, but Mainston is expected back shortly, when his account with the Company will be adjusted. The Auditor to

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examine the charge sent home against Mainston and draw up an exact statement of his account and present it to the Court. The Committee for City Lands to be spoken to about the 'cestern that is demolished at Leadenhall'. The owners of the *Loyal Merchant* and of the *Ann* to be requested to have entries made of their vessels as soon as they come into the Thames, and the Husband is told to send ships and a double proportion of men for the speedier unloading of the Company's goods; preparations are also to be made for the pepper returned in the said ships to be warehoused and sifted, so that when it is sold it may be delivered speedily. The Court resolve to consider next Friday the dividend of ten per cent to be made upon the next sale. The owners of the *John and Margaret* to be notified to attend the Court next Friday. Robert Bullock to be paid 40*s.* for examining four chirurgery chests sent to India. In future, all warrants passed in court are to be delivered by the Secretary to the Treasury Office, and if not fully signed, the Cashier's assistant is to wait on the Committees for this to be done. (1½ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, MAY 5, 1671 (*Ibid.*, p. 239).

Order is given for a general court to be called next Friday afternoon when the Governor is desired to inform the generality that the Stock having been much reduced by the large dividends issued in 1666 (there being then little opportunity for trade because of the Dutch war), and it having been impossible to issue any since, as it was necessary not only to employ all the Stock and the profits arising from it, but also to take up great sums of money at interest to carry on the trade. But having now, by the blessing of God, supplied the trade with a convenient Stock, and seeing that the adventurers desire something decided as soon as possible, the Court have resolved to issue a dividend of ten per cent, to be allowed to buyers at the next sale in payment for goods, and paid to others in ready money as fast as it comes in, warrants for the same, payable to the respective adventurers, to be ready by the 18th instant. Though this may seem but a small proportion after so many years, 'God having so much blessed our affairs', yet for the reasons given it could not be greater, but in the event of continued success, the Court will be ready to make such further dividend as will be consistent with the carrying on the trade and keeping up their credit. The Governor 'to gratifie a person with thirty guineys, who hath been civil to the Company on all occasions, and ready to

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further the procuring payment of moneys due unto them'. Several persons being recommended for service, the Court resolve to consider next Wednesday who to employ to manage the trade intended to be settled to the north-east of India. Three men are entertained to serve as clerks in the Accountant's Office, viz.: Thomas Butler at 30*l.* per annum, Robert Machen at 25*l.* per annum, and Samuel South at 30*l.* per annum, South to be allowed at the same rate from the time he first served in the said office. (1¼ *pp.*)

NEWS-LETTER TO SAMUEL GOODWYN, MAY 6, 1671 (*Public Record Office: S.P. Dom., Car.* II. 289, no. 173).

. . . The Dutch fleet are ready to sail, but they are in little apprehension of damage from the French by sea, their East India Actions being now at 560, the highest ever known. . . . The 2nd the *Reserve* arrived in the Downs with soldiers from Plymouth, accompanied by two East Indiamen from Bantam. . . .

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, MAY 10, 1671 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 240).

Francis Morris to be paid for carpenter's work done in the Company's House, at Leadenhall, and in the Exchange cellars. The cistern at Leadenhall to be examined and an estimate of the repairs necessary reported. Samuel Sowton at Stockholm to be written to and told not to make any contract for the copper to be delivered in London unless it can be had at the Company's limited price. To hasten the unloading of the two ships in the river the Husband is to send on board some more 'bag-sewers', or promise more pay to those already employed for working beyond the usual time. A letter for the King from the King of Bantam has been received, and the Deputy, Lord Berkeley, and Sir John Banks are desired to present it to one of the Secretaries of State, and tell him of the condition of the Company's affairs at Bantam, also that some Indian fowl have been brought back for His Majesty, and ascertain to whom these shall be delivered. The petition of Robert Lowis to be examined. The transfer of 500*l.* subscription in the General Joint Stock by John and Ann Phelps of Henley to Nathaniel Herne, in the presence of John Taylor, Henry Gooding, and Deborah Joyce, is approved. Several petitions for employment and recommendation of persons for entertainment as factors are read and referred to the

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Committees to ascertain and report on the qualifications of the applicants. Black pepper to be offered at 9*d.* the lb., and the Committees are desired to meet this afternoon to price the goods for sale and give directions as to their lots and tare. (1½ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, MAY 12, 1671 (*Ibid.*, p. 242).

Six parcels of tea from the Company's warehouse to be delivered to Captain Risby. The owners of the *Ann* offer her for service, and undertake that she shall be ready to sail from Gravesend by June 15 next; Captain Prowd is directed to take a survey of her, and Captain Zachary Brown's request to be allowed to take her into dock for speedy refitting although there is still a considerable amount of pepper in her, is granted, on condition that the owners defray the cost of unlading the said pepper. The sum of 6*d.* a cloth to be allowed for 'playning of broad clothes'. A bill of exchange for 115*l.* 10*s.*, drawn by the Agent and Council of Bantam payable to John Thriscross, is accepted. The sum of 5*l.* to be paid for six maps describing the north-east parts of the Indies. The Committee for Writing Letters to read two intended for the King of Bantam and alter them as they see fit. The account of Thomas Chappel to be examined. Several petitions for employment are read and referred for consideration to the Committees, and a resolution is passed that no more petitions for employment as writers in the service shall be received. The Committee for the Treasury to affix the Company's seal to two answers now read, one to the bill of complaint of Thomas Pinfold, the other to the bill of Thomas and Susannah Woodcock. The Governor and Deputy to make inquiries touching 'some particular concernment' of the Company, and spend what is necessary, but not to exceed 10*l.* (1½ *pp.*)

A GENERAL COURT, MAY 12, 1671 (AFTERNOON) (*Ibid.*, p. 244).

The Governor informs the generality of the order of the Court of Committees of the 5th instant by which a dividend of ten per cent is to be made to the adventurers immediately after the sale as money comes in, those buying goods to be allowed it in payment of the same, others to be paid in ready money, for which warrants will be issued on the 18th instant. He also tells them that, in pursuance of a clause in the preamble, a valuation of the Stock is being prepared and will be ready between this and next August. (1 *p.*)

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THE COMPANY TO SAMUEL SOWTON [AT STOCKHOLM], MAY 12, 1671 (*Letter Book*, vol. iv, p. 447).

Acknowledge his letters of the 12th and 19th ult., and note what he has done as regards their first commission for 4,000*l.*, and his advice concerning the other for 10,000*l.*, that the copper plates cannot be procured at the limited price of 5*l.* 14*s.* the cwt. clear of all charge and delivered in London. Will not advance that price, so direct him to defer further action until further order. (¼ *p.*)

A GENERAL COURT OF SALES, MAY 16, 1671 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 245).

Sale of Persian and cotton yarn, Jambi and Malabar pepper, white pepper, long pepper, light and discoloured pepper, flags, chips, dust, and scummings of pepper, benzoin, sugar, tamarinds, seed-lac, saltpetre, sweepings of saltpetre, and saltpetre bags, St. Helena hides, blue, brown, and white longcloth, sallampores, parcallaes, morees, taffetas, blue pautkaes, Guinea stuffs, brown dungarees, some damaged longcloth and sallampores, wrappers, and cotton wool. With prices and names of purchasers. (6½ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, MAY 17, 1671 (*Ibid.*, p. 252).

Samuel Baron to be paid 50*l.* on account. The owners of the *Ann* to be paid 3,000*l.* upon account of her freight and demurrage. Upon petition, William Saxby, promising amendment, is readmitted to the Company's service, from which he was dismissed by reason of 'many omissions and misbehaviour'. Sir John Lewis again requesting payment of the bill of exchange for 550*l.* drawn by the Agent and Council of Bantam for Mainston's account, is told, as before, that Mainston is expected back by this year's shipping, a positive order for his return having been sent both by the *Ann* and the *Greyhound*. By desire of Sir Francis Clarke, his difference with the Company is referred to arbitration and the referees nominated for each side. Payment to be made to John Squire. (1¼ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, MAY 17, 1671 (AFTERNOON) (*Ibid.*, p. 253).

The following men are elected to serve the Company at Japan: as factors: Simon Delboe, William Gyfford, Thomas Bawds, David Stephens, Robert Sainthill, Thomas James, Thomas Harris, William Ramsden, Elisha Bridges, and Henry Crooke. As writers: Robert

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Meadowes, Charles Sweeting, John Chappel, George Chowne, Thomas Wilmer, Nicholas Wayte, and William Witherden. (¾ *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, MAY 19, 1671 (*Ibid.*, p. 254).

Dr. Henry Wilkinson, an adventurer in the General Joint Stock, is admitted to the freedom gratis, and 5*l.* due from the late Quarles Browne, who was also an adventurer in the said Stock, is remitted to his executor. The like favour is shown to Mr. Tillyard and Francis Thomson. A warrant for the ten per cent dividend to be delivered to Mr. Thomlinson, he having cleared his indigo. The accounts of Thomas Sargeant, Mr. Cason, and Mr. Abjohn to be examined. Mary Wright, a widow, whose husband was employed for a long time in the Company's service in India, is given 40*s.* from the poor-box. A warrant for the ten per cent dividend to be delivered to the executors of the late Mr. Milward, who was entitled to the freedom having been servant to Anthony Abdy. Mr. Nicholson and Benjamin Coles are also to have the said dividend, both having taken the oath as freemen. Next Friday is appointed for agreeing upon the stations and salaries of those elected to serve in Japan. (1¼ *pp.*)

THE COMPANY TO SAMUEL SOWTON [AT STOCKHOLM], MAY 19, 1671 (*Letter Book*, vol. iv, p. 447).

Have heard nothing from him since their last, so this is only to confirm what they then said and to desire him to send speedy advice how he can comply with their orders. (⅛ *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, MAY 24, 1671 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 255).

The owners of the *Loyal Merchant* to be paid 4,000*l.* on account of freight and demurrage, and Captain Risby offering that ship for further service, order is given for a survey to be taken of her. Musk belonging to Thomas Pearle to be left in the Treasury, but Pearle to be allowed to sell it, paying the proceeds into the Company's cash, there to remain until the account of the late Henry Pearle is made up. William Sherington and William Finch are admitted to the freedom by service, and Walter Pell is admitted gratis. Payment to be made to John Moore for lead, to Captain Johnson for repairs in the *Return*, and to John Mead. The Committees, to whom the account of the late Thomas Chappel was referred, report that no salary was allotted to him on his

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going out; they are directed to reckon this at the rate of 30*l.* per annum, and state his account accordingly. The sum of 122*l.* to be paid to Nathaniel Herne, as administrator to the late Richard Cason, whose bonds and covenants are to be cancelled. A petition for employment from Samuel Pots, recommended by Lord Berkeley, is referred. The account of the late Henry Gainpin to be examined, also what right Solomon Bolton has to it. Payment to be made to Roger Chappel, administrator to his brother Thomas, in accordance with a report now read and approved. (1½ *pp.*)

THE KING TO THE SULTAN OF BANTAM, MAY 24, 1671 (*Letter Book*, vol. iv, p. 455).

His Majesty acknowledges the receipt of a letter, and a present of a creese and four lances from the most famous and renowned Sultan Abull Fettahee King of Bantam, and wishes him health, prosperity, and happiness. A further answer and acknowledgment will be sent by the ships of the East India Company next winter. In the meantime His Majesty desires to tell the Sultan of the measures by which friendship with him and his country do and must always subsist. His royal predecessors by their charters granted to the East India Company sole traffic to all the kingdoms and places of the East beyond the Cape of Good Hope with full power to correspond with all Emperors, Kings, and Princes in those parts in order to trade with them, which power and authority His present Majesty has confirmed by renewing the said Company's charter, therefore though the Sultan's letter and present has been willingly accepted as a testimony of friendship, yet it must be understood that all power and authority has been transferred to the said Company to trade and correspond with the Sultan and all other Princes and Kings in those parts 'without reserving any distinct correspondence to Ourselfe'. His Majesty hopes that the Sultan will confirm the ancient agreement made with the Company, or make such other as shall be of mutual advantage, and give them all encouragement and protection in their trade, that they may have the privilege of governing and ordering their own affairs according to agreements already made, and that the Sultan will, whenever they have recourse to his protection, show them justice and favour. 'This, and this only wee intended by the expressions of our letter, wherein wee recommended them to Your Majestie and wee declare that your justice and kindnes to our Company and to their Agents and Ministers residing with you in the Indies are

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the only acts of your freindship which wee expect or can receive.' His Majesty particularly desires the Sultan to allow a fair and friendly correspondence with the Agents and Councils of the said Company residing in those parts, from whom he shall be supplied with all things, by way of commerce, which Europe affords, and whatever respect or protection afforded to the said Agents and Councils and whatever privileges or preferences in trade shown to them the Company will acknowledge. 'Given at our Court at Whitehall.' *Signed* 'Your affectionate freind Charles R.'

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, MAY 26, 1671 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 257).

The sum of 5*l.* to be remitted to John Good (*Wood in the margin*) minister of Redruth, he being an adventurer in the General Joint Stock. A report from the Committee for Debts is read, and order given for Butler, one of the clerks in Harbert's office, to keep separate books of accounts for all moneys due for freight and permission on fine goods and bullion to and from India and give Dunkin notice of having received these; for all goods exported for India on which the Company are to receive the half subsidy; and for all sums received for admission to the freedom of the Company. Butler is also from time to time to call upon all debtors to clear their accounts, and report their answers to the Committee for Debts, and the Auditor is to inspect these accounts and see that all this is done. Harbert is to draw up a list of all adventurers who have paid their 5*l.* but not taken the oath of a freeman, and of those who have not paid. The Secretary is to keep a distinct register of all bonds entered into by factors and their securities, and ascertain whether the latter are answerable to the 'quality' and salary of the factor, and in case of any deficiency to report to the Court. The factors entertained lately are now ranked according to ballot: David Stephens to be first; Thomas Bawds third, and to fill the post of accountant; Simon Delboe to be fourth; William Gyfford fifth, and Robert Sainthill sixth. The petition of Mary Sargeant is referred for examination. (1½ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, MAY 31, 1671 (*Ibid.*, p. 258).

The sum of 5*l.* is remitted to Mr. Blackmore, late minister of St. Peter's, Cornhill, to the widow of Mr. Carpenter, late minister at London Wall, and to Mrs. Bowen, whose husband was formerly servant

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to the Company, all being adventurers in the present Joint Stock. Damaged pepper returned in the *Loyal Merchant* and in the *Anne* to be delivered to the owners of those ships and placed to their account. The account of John Camel to be examined. At the request of Thomas Pearle, the differences depending between the Company and the late Henry Pearle are referred to arbitration, the referees named, and told that a decision is to be arrived at within the next two months. Thomas Hancock is admitted to the freedom by service. The Deputy reporting that Elisha Bridges is unable to proceed to his employment as a factor, the petition of Samuel Griffith for entertainment is read, and the latter, having some knowledge of drugs and physic, speaking French, Spanish, and Portuguese, and several Committees testifying to his sobriety and good behaviour, he is elected a factor. Harbert to deliver Mr. Bulkley's warrant for his dividend to his servant, but to take care that 10*l.* of it is left in the Company's hands until the adventure for 100*l.*, transferred by Bulkley to Mr. Drax, is withdrawn, or accepted by the latter. The account of Arthur Bennet, late servant to Captain Barker, to be stated. (1¼ *pp.*)

THOMAS HOLDEN AT FALMOUTH TO JAMES HICKES, MAY 31, 1671 (*Public Record Office: S.P. Dom., Car.* II. 290, no. 84).

. . . The East India Company's ketch, sent to meet the homeward-bound Indiamen, came in here after cruising ten or twelve days without meeting any of them.

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JUNE 2, 1671 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 260).

Several persons complaining that the Accountant demands a fine of 5*l.* for adventures before giving the dividend warrant, although the said adventures may only be for 100*l.* or less, the Court order that the fine be remitted to all whose adventures do not exceed 100*l.*, but on any adventures beyond that sum the fine must be paid. Thomas Wilson and Mr. Wood to be notified to attend next Wednesday's court. Messrs. Knapton and Kent, Benjamin Child, and Lawrence Saucer are recommended for entertainment, and some of the Committees are desired to ascertain their respective qualifications. The Court, noting that many adventurers have not yet applied for their warrant nor received the ten per cent dividend, though money has been kept in cash for pay-

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ment of the same, declare that those who bought goods at the last sale shall, until June 16, have allowance given to them on their accounts for money due on any warrants, but after that time no discount will be allowed but from the time of their producing the said warrants. The Committee for Writing Letters to prepare one in answer to that received from the Agent and Council of Bantam, and give their opinion as to what should be added; Roger Chappel, having paid the award decided upon by the referees, moves for some abatement; the Court, not wishing to encourage such a course yet hearing that some of the referees had intimated that Chappel might expect it, agree to allow him 60*l.* Edward Bovery is admitted to the freedom by service. The petition of John Jerry to be examined. (1½ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JUNE 7, 1671 (*Ibid.*, p. 261).

A fine of 5*l.* is remitted to the widow of John Phipp on her adventure of 125*l.* in the General Joint Stock, and order given for the dividend to be delivered to her. A 'scrutore' and some China ware returned in the *Loyal Merchant* to be delivered to Thomas Pearle. Payment to be made to John Camel. Mr. Gurney claiming some of the musk belonging to Henry Pearle now in the Company's warehouse, at the request of Thomas Pearle, order is given for the quantity claimed to be delivered. Sir John Banks to ascertain from the Secretary of State whether the guns to be presented to the King of Bantam are to be made in brass, so that timely directions may be given for casting them. Two letters prepared to be sent to the King of Bantam are approved, and it is agreed that the President and Council of Surat be ordered to provide and have ready every September goods sufficient to lade a ship for Bantam; that the salary and gratuity of Mr. Brigs, minister there, be increased from 60*l.* to 100*l.* per annum to begin from to-day, and that Mr. Albyn be desired to provide the books mentioned in the list received from the Agent and Council to be added to the Company's library at Bantam. The Committee for the Treasury to provide 40,000 dollars for shipment in the *Anne*. The Governor reporting that Mr. Bawds cannot proceed in the Company's service, it is resolved to recommend William Gyfford to the Agent and Council to be employed as Chief in one of the factories to be settled at Tunqueen or Formosa. Thomas James to be employed as one of the factors for Japan. At the request of Mr. Billingsly, the difference touching Mr. Stevenson is referred to arbitration, to be settled within the next two months. (1½ *pp.*)

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A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JUNE 9, 1671 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 263).

The fine of 5*l.* due for his adventure in the present Stock is remitted to Stephen Watkins, minister. In accordance with the desire of the Agent and Council at Bantam, John English, secretary there, is given an additional 10*l.* yearly. A paper containing information of some practices designed by Thomas Skinner, to the prejudice of the kingdom, and particularly of the East India Company, is read, and order given for a copy to be made and taken by the Deputy, Sir John Robinson, and Sir John Banks, or any one of them, to one of the principal Secretaries of State; and all members of this court are enjoined to secrecy on the subject. The Committees for Japan are desired to ask M. Baron what further knowledge he has obtained touching this trade. The owners of the *Anne* to be paid for imprest, and her Captain, Zachary Brown, for primage and average. Directions are given for sheathing the Company's ships, 'to be at least one inch and quarter thick, well caulked and nailed'. The Committee for the City Lands to be treated with for some convenient warehouse room in Gresham College. On a report, made by the Committee for Accounts February 10, 1669, the Court gave directions that Sambrooke should be answerable for all goods that came into his hands, and if he accommodated any friends with small quantities he was to charge for these at the same rate as the rest would be sold at; but now it is resolved that Sambrooke must not sell any part of the goods in his custody until they have been offered at the candle. John Kent is chosen as one of the five factors to be sent to Japan. Petitions for employment are read from Joseph Clissald, Samuel Bickerton, Henry Ireton, James Harding, Edward Barwel, John Blount, William Keeling, John Scrape, Samuel Potts, and Isaac Trippier, and the Committees are desired to ascertain and report as to their respective 'qualifications and demeanour'. Sir Robert Cordwell's request that his son William may be entertained to be considered, but it is resolved that no more petitions for employment shall be received. Payment to be made to the owners of the *John and Martha* on account of freight. The fine on certain calicoes to be remitted to Timothy Cloudsley. Payment to be made to Mary Barker. Provision of coral for India to be considered next Friday. Harbert is instructed to write off Mr. Trevisa's debt of 420*l.* to the account of profit and loss, also the sum of 146*l.* 12*s.* 3*d.* from the account of the United Joint Stock to

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Mr. Greenhill's account; and the sum of 1*l.* 18*s.* from the account of that Stock to the debt of Sir Thomas Chambers. Moses to take legal proceedings against Thomas King, Mr. Fulford, and other debtors, lest by delay their debts fall within the statute of limitations. Fulford, or those who negotiate for him, to be spoken to about his debt. Morgan Powell is admitted to the freedom by redemption. (2¼ *pp.*)

SIR JOHN ROBINSON TO JOSEPH WILLIAMSON, JUNE 12, 1671 (*Public Record Office: S.P. Dom., Car.* II. 290, no. 200).

Enclosing an information from the East India House given in by one Baron, and desiring that it be shown to Lord Arlington and returned with his opinion. . . .

NEWS-LETTER TO MR. COLES AT THE CUSTOM HOUSE, SOUTHAMPTON, JUNE 15, 1671 (*Ibid.*, no. 226).

. . . On the 12th two East India ships came into the Downs, the *Constantinople* from Surat, and the *Berkeley Castle* from Bantam. . . .

. A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JUNE 16, 1671 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 265).

A warrant for the ten per cent dividend to be given to Samuel Lee, minister, he affirming that he is free of the Company. Sir John Robinson states that he gave a copy of M. Baron's information concerning Thomas Skinner to Lord Arlington, and one to Secretary Trevour. Captain Risby to be paid for the bill of exchange drawn by the Agent and Council of Bantam, and Captain Zachary Brown for one drawn by the Agent and Mr. Mainston. Sir Robert Cordwell presenting his son for service, the Court promise to consider him. The following men are elected to serve as factors: William Knapton, Joseph Clissald, Henry Ireton, Edward Barwel. Samuel Potts and William Keeling are elected to serve as writers. The votes for election of Benjamin Child as a factor being equally divided, decision concerning him is deferred. Mr. Walthew to be allowed to ship in the *Anne* twelve gallons of canary, and some brandy for his son's account. The Farmers of the Customs to be paid 8,000*l.* on account. A gratuity of 17*l.* is given to Mr. Tutchin, chaplain in the *Return*, 'for his extraordinary pains and care in the last voyage'; and the chirurgeon's mate in the said ship is given 5*l.* 'for his great labour and pains in the Company's service'. Mr. Banks of Hamburg to be written to and told to buy at once 'copper Unger

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plates' to the value of 4,000*l.* as cheaply as possible and not to exceed the price given for them last year. (1¼ *pp.*)

THE COMPANY TO MESSRS. BANKS [AT HAMBURG], JUNE 16, 1671 (*Letter Book*, vol. iv, p. 447).

Acknowledge their letter of the 19th ult. advising that Sowton has drawn upon them for 3,000 dollars in three bills; this shall be punctually repaid. Note their advice that copper plates have fallen in price upon the expected arrival of some in Holland, and that when these come the price will fall still more. Commission them to buy to the value of 4,000*l.* sterling in the several sorts of plates they provided last year, not to exceed the price then given, but to buy at the cheapest rate possible. (¼ *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JUNE 21, 1671 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 267).

The dividend due to Mr. Crane to be paid to his assignee, Mr. Fairfax. Warrants for their respective dividends to be delivered to Mr. Elfick, Philip Jackson, Paul Priaulx, and Susan Hicock. Remittance of the 5*l.* due on their adventures is made to Mr. Giffard, minister, and to the widow of the late Mr. Archer, minister. Musk, seed pearls, and two quilts returned in the *Berkeley Castle*, to be delivered to Humphrey Gifford, free of permission. On petition Elizabeth Wrenman, whose late husband was second mate in the *Anne* and died on the homeward voyage, is to have delivered to her free of fine some camphor, and if it is found that Wrenman behaved well on the voyage, she is to be refunded the fines she paid on white pepper, as a gratuity. Captain Zachary Brown asks to have delivered to him free of fine some white pepper he received in Bantam in satisfaction for a debt; the Court express dislike of his behaviour in this matter, yet, though unable to grant his request, they promise to consider him in some other way. It having been found expedient to prohibit private trade in white pepper and as attempts to bring it home are still made, the Court declare that no abatement in the fine for it shall be made to any one acting in opposition to this prohibition, and the Committees are not to move for any gratuity in lieu of it. Captain Prowd to see that the treasure is shipped safely in the *Anne*. The Court to consider next Friday whether to elect any more factors or writers. Mr. Sowton at Stockholm to be written to and told to provide at once copper Ungar plates to the value of

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4,000*l.* at the cheapest rate procurable and not to exceed the price he gave last year; Mr. Banks at Hamburg to be sent orders to the same effect. The Surat Committee to examine the advices, protests, and papers relating to the miscarriages of Mr. Lambton and others in Persia, also what is written concerning Mr. Rolt, and report what they consider best to be done. A bill for turnery ware to be examined. Mr. Deluna stating that in January, 1658, he with some others stood surety in a bond for 500*l.* for Richard Wilde then entertained as a factor, and praying that, as the said Wilde died before arriving in India, the bond may be delivered up; his request is referred for consideration. John Ogilby to be given 5*l.* for a book he presented to the Company called 'The Second and Third Embassy to the Emperour of China.'[1] Consideration to be had about sending guns to Bombay to be kept there as a magazine. (2½ *pp.*)

A Court of Committees, June 23, 1671 (*Ibid.*, p. 269).

Jewels and fine goods returned in the *Berkeley Castle* and *Constantinople Merchant* to be brought to the Company's House. The petition of Jacob Aboab is referred to certain Committees who are to ascertain what composition he has made with his creditors. A dividend warrant due to the late Mr. Riley to be delivered to his executor, Mr. Huckle. A letter is read from Sir David English, consul at Bordeaux, about 'a proposition for preserving fresh water from corruption',[2] and directions are given for Sir David to be written to and told that the Company formerly received a similar offer, but did not accept it, nor will they trouble him any more about the matter. Great inconvenience having been caused through the King of Bantam's 'insinuations with some of the commanders', and the sending of presents to England which has proved troublesome and inconvenient, and caused expectations of returns of much greater value, order is now given that in future no commander, officer, or seaman shall speak with the King, or any of his great men about the Company's affairs, and His Majesty be told that the Company's business is to be transacted by the Agent and Council, to whom he may communicate whatever he wishes. The commanders to be instructed to keep their ships always in a good posture of defence and so prevent any attempt at a surprise, especially on arriving near St. Helena, or approaching any land. These instructions to be sent to Captain Brown in the *Anne*. The Governor of St. Helena to be written

[1] See vol. vi (1660–3), p. 160.

[2] See vol. viii (1668–70), p. 101.

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to about certain particulars now debated. Paul Priaulx takes the oath as a freeman. Payment to be made to Anne Lee. White pepper lately bought by Sir Francis Clarke to be examined, he complaining that black is mixed with it; a just allowance to be made for this. The Committee for Lawsuits to examine the form of charterparties now in use and insert a clause prohibiting any commodities (black pepper excepted) to be shot into the hold, under a penalty of forfeiture of half the freight, and payment for all damage caused; they are also to examine the covenants for factors and alter them as they see fit. The Shipping Committee to provide for the King of Bantam in return for his present three brass guns, one hundred firelocks, and two hundred matchlocks, all which it is estimated will cost 499*l*. Crosby House to be viewed in order to ascertain what warehouse room is or may be made there, and Mr. Langham's demands for the same to be reported. Sampson Potts of Lichfield and John Potts of Westminster are accepted as security in 500*l*. for Samuel Potts, writer. Mr. Wilson is ordered not to prosecute any suit in the Company's name against Sir William Hooker until he has cleared his account with the Company. Benjamin Childe, through the Governor's casting vote, is elected a factor. The Committee for Accounts to examine the men newly entertained as to their skill in writing and keeping accounts. The request of Mrs. Coney to receive the legacy given by Duchess Dudley towards redemption of her son now in captivity, she being 'somewhat allied' to the Duchess, is referred for consideration. (*2 pp.*)

THE COMPANY TO SULTAN ABULL FETTAHEE, KING OF BANTAM AND MANY OTHER TERRITORIES, JUNE 23, 1671 (*Letter Book*, vol. iv, p. 456).

They acknowledge the receipt of His Majesty's letter and present by the *Loyal Merchant*, and promise to send the commodities desired by the winter shipping if they can be ready in time. By divers royal charters under the Great Seal from several Princes of this realm, which have been confirmed by His present Majesty, they have been granted the sole trade of all the East beyond the Cape of Good Hope, and correspondence with all Emperors, Kings, and Princes, and though it is unusual for their King to treat with any of the said Princes, yet when the Sultan wished to send him a present they did all in their power to help and to procure a return from His Majesty. But they learn that this correspondence has caused the Sultan some apprehension about the diminution of their authority and of that of their Agent and

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Council, whereas they acted as they did that it might appear how much His Majesty appreciated the kindness and respect shown to them and their Agent and Council, in explanation of which His Majesty has now written. They are informed by their Agent and Council that when, at the request of the Sultan, they sent powder, musket, bandoleers, and match in the *London*, and in the *Loyal Merchant* four brass guns and twenty-seven iron guns (instead of the thirty brass guns as desired) for which the Sultan had promised to pay the prime cost on arrival, yet he made some question as to these being sent as presents, or that some person had insinuated that the said guns belonged to the King when they were bought by the Company and sent by desire of the Sultan as merchandise and not as presents, and their Agent and Council could not do otherwise than acquaint him with this. Though they accepted the Sultan's present and made some return, yet their usual way of correspondence with Emperors, Kings, and Princes in the East has always been and still is through their Agent and Council at Bantam, therefore they desire the Sultan to show the latter respect and kindness, they acting under authority, and to correspond with them upon all occasions, and encourage them in their trade, for the Sultan must see how constant they have been to his port since their arrival in his dominions, and what great advantage he has gained thereby. They also desire that what capitulations and agreements have been made by the Sultan with their Agents as to protection, privileges, trade, or other encouragements may be kept inviolable, and such further grants made to them as shall be for the advantage of the Sultan and the promotion of trade, that no misapprehensions may arise in future as to privileges, customs, presents, or any other thing whatsoever, and they for their part will give directions to their Agent and Council to behave with all fairness and due honour and punctually to keep such Articles and Agreements as shall be made. They desire, as a means of encouraging them in their trade in the Sultan's dominions, that he will enable them to procure pepper at more reasonable rates so that they may be able 'to keepe marketts with the Dutch', for such great quantities are brought into Europe by the Dutch, French, Portuguese, and Danes both from India and from the South Seas, and it has become so cheap that unless it can be bought on reasonable terms it will not be worth bringing over, and were they to stop buying it in the Sultan's dominions he can well understand how prejudicial it would be for him. Should the Sultan have occasion for guns, muskets, or other European

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commodities in the way of commerce, he should agree with their Agent for what is wanted and they will endeavour to supply the same. They have instructed their Agent and Council several times to inform the Sultan how difficult it is to obtain a quantity of 'peeces of eight of Civell and Mexico stampe, espetially those that are waighty', and therefore beg him to allow 'piller rials of eight' to pass in his dominions, they being 'full as fine and waighty', or that silver and gold by the ounce or such coins as are obtainable may pass in his territories according to their true value, if he does not do this much prejudice will arise to trade because now so much 'piller mony' is coined. (1¾ *pp.*)

THE COMPANY TO THOMAS WOODCOATE [AT MARSEILLES], JUNE 23, 1671 (*Letter Book*, vol. iv, p. 464).

This serves only to enclose a packet for Consul Lanoy which they desire may be forwarded as soon as possible. (⅛ *p.*)

THE COMPANY TO THOMAS DETHICK AND COMPANY [AT LEGHORN], JUNE 23, 1671 (*Ibid.*, p. 465).

Acknowledge their letter of the April 3 with the packets from India. Enclose a packet and desire them to forward it as opportunity presents. (⅛ *p.*)

THE COMPANY TO CONSUL DELANOY [AT ALEPPO], JUNE 23, 1671 (*Ibid.*, p. 465).

Acknowledge his letter of January 18 with packets enclosed. Send two packets, one via Leghorn, the other via Marseilles, directed to their Chief and factors at Gombroon, which they desire him to forward by the first safe conveyance. (¼ *p.*)

THE COMPANY TO MESSRS. BANKS [AT HAMBURG], JUNE 23, 1671 *Ibid.*, p. 465).

Have not heard from them since their last letter. Wish to enlarge the commission then given, and now order them to buy copper plates to the value of 4,000*l.* (in addition to those already ordered) of the several kinds previously mentioned, at the cheapest rates, and not to exceed the price of those bought last year. (¼ *p.*)

THE COMPANY TO SAMUEL SOWTON [AT STOCKHOLM], JUNE 23, 1671 (*Ibid.*, p. 465).

Acknowledge his advice concerning copper laden on board the *St. Jacob*, of which they have received an invoice and a bill of lading.

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Have written Messrs. Banks that when they shall draw upon them for the 3,000 dollars payable to John Juyst, their bills will be accepted and paid. Give a further commission for the purchase of Ungar copper plates to the value of 4,000*l.* to be procured as cheaply as possible and shipped off by the middle of next August. (¼ *p.*)

THE COMPANY'S MEMORIAL TO [LORD ARLINGTON], JUNE 27, 1671 (*Public Record Office: C.O.* 77, vol. xii, f. 1).

They humbly desire that in case Sir Edward Spragge or any other on His Majesty's behalf shall be authorized to treat with those of Algiers for making a peace, a clause may be inserted in his instructions to insist that satisfaction be made to the Company, or to their assigns, for one chest of gold and two of silver, valued at 12,316*l.* 13*s.* 9*d.* sterling, taken out of the *Morning Star* on February 15, 1669, by a Turkish man-of-war called the *Golden Rose*, commanded by one Allee Rice, all which has been fully proved by affidavits and acknowledged by the Diwan of Algiers. *Signed* Andrew Riccard, Governor. *There is a duplicate of this memorial on the next page, dated* June 30, 1671.

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JUNE 28, 1671 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 272).

A fine of not less than 3*d.* in the lb. to be put upon white pepper brought this year from India. The Treasury Committee to affix the Company's seal to their answer to Mr. Pinfold's bill in Chancery. The report of the Committees who examined Crosby House is considered, and the Court, finding that the said house has no convenient warehouse room and that Mr. Langham is unwilling to let it be converted into warehouses, resolve to decline treating any further about it, but thank Mr. Langham for his civil offer. Thomas Davis, linen draper, requests that law proceedings taken against him may be stopped, and promising to pay his debts by instalments, Moses is directed to stay prosecution. A bill of exchange for 385*l.* payable to Captain Horsman drawn by the Agent and Council at Bantam is accepted. Mr. Aboab to be compounded with for his debt at not less than 5*s.* in the pound ready money. The bond entered into by the sureties of William Abjohn to be given up on payment by the said sureties of 10*s.* 10*d.* into the Company's cash. The petition of John Codrington is referred to the Committee for Private Trade, who are to examine the petitioner about the charges

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brought against him, and report whether he is sensible of his misbehaviour. Thomas Wilson to be sued for his debt to the Company. Sir John Banks is desired to present a memorial to Lord Arlington about the treasure stolen from the *Morning Star* in February, 1669. (1½ *pp.*)

RICHARD WATTS AT DEAL TO JOSEPH WILLIAMSON, JUNE 28, 1671 (*Public Record Office: S.P. Dom., Car.* II. 291, no. 62).

. . . At noon arrived the *Zante* from the East Indies . . . .

THE COMPANY TO SIR DAVID INGLISH, Consul at Bordeaux, JUNE 29, 1671 (*Letter Book*, vol. iv, p. 466).

Have received his letter of the 22nd instant and considered his proposals as to the preserving of water from putrefaction. They have formerly received a similar overture which they did not see fit to entertain and they continue still in the same mind. (⅛ *p.*)

NEWS-LETTER TO MR. WARNE AT THE WHITE HARE, WINCHESTER, JUNE 29, 1671 (*Public Record Office: S.P. Dom., Car.* II. 291, no. 65).

. . . The *Zante*, from the East Indies, reports that she left five more East India ships on this side of Ascension. . . .

A COMMITTEE FOR BUYING GOODS, JUNE 29, 1671 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvA, p. 91).

Ordered that twelve pieces of fine cloth and one hundred green cloths be provided; the purchase of white cloth for next year to continue and, if it is satisfactory, the quantity wanted will be stated later. That the following ships be appointed to the several stations (unless orders to the contrary are given), viz.: for the Coast and Bay: the *Experiment*, Captain William Lymbry; *Loyal Subject*, Captain William Goodlad; *Berkeley Castle*, Captain Robert Fisher; *Joanna*, Captain Hopefor Bendall; *Rebecca* (if fit), Captain James Marriner; *Anne* (if she arrives in time for the Coast and Bantam), Captain Abraham Dawes. For Surat: the *Loyal Merchant*, Captain Henry Risbye; *Return*, Captain John Atkins; *Golden Fleece*, Captain Pearce; *Mediterranean* (for Surat and Bantam), Captain Richard Goodlad; *Rainbow* (if she arrives seasonably), Captain Richard Goodlad. For Bantam: five new ships, viz.: the *Hannibal*, Captain Jonas Collier; *Surat Merchant*, Captain

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Francis Johnson; *Expectation*, Captain John Whittey; *Mary*, Captain Matthew Crover; *Barnardiston*, Captain William Baker; and the *Zant Frigate*, Captain Andrew Parrack. In all seventeen ships, ranging in burden from 260 to 400 tons, their combined tonnage 6,220 tons, to be sent to the Indies in 1671. (1 *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JUNE 30, 1671 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 273).

Some Committees complain that notwithstanding frequent injunctions to keep private all matters debated in court, particular discourses have been divulged and made use of, to the prejudice of the Company, and discouragement of the Committees in the discharge of their trust; hereupon it is ordered that no member of the court shall mention any transactions or passages debated or agreed upon in court when it is known that these are to be kept secret, and in no case make known the discourses of any particular member; it is also ordered that the officers attending the court shall keep secret all debates or proceedings at which they are present, and that in future none of the officers' assistants or clerks shall be admitted to the court unless sent for. It being represented that there will not be sufficient warehouseroom for all the goods now expected home, and that there are some vaults to let in the Fishmongers' Hall, certain Committees are desired to consult with the several warehousekeepers and ascertain where room may be found, examine the same, particularly the vaults referred to, and report to the Court. Nedham Fitch and William Cattel to be examined as to their qualifications and fitness by the Japan Committee; the said Committee also to give order for packing the cloths and stuffs designed for the north-east parts of India. Coral offered for sale by Mr. Woolley to be examined and the price ascertained. By request of the owners, the new ship to be commanded by Captain Hopewell Bendal, and the ship now building by Captain Peirce are to be surveyed, and report made as to what work is necessary to be done to fit them for the Company's service. Sir John Jacob and Abraham Wilmer are accepted as security in 500*l.* for Thomas Wilmer, writer; and Richard Darley Esq. of Grays Inn and Peter Petite, merchant of London, as security in a like sum for Nicholas Wayte, writer. The factors and writers recently elected are now ranked and accorded their annual salaries as follows: David Stephens 150*l.*, Simon Delboe 120*l.*, William Gyfford, 120*l.* As they are to be employed in settling a trade in the north-east parts of the Indies, which is a new

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undertaking, it is resolved that if this 'prove successfull, through the blessing of the Lord upon their endeavours, this Court will consider their pains with a suitable gratuity'. William Knapton 80*l.*, Benjamin Childe 60*l.*, and Thomas James 60*l.* These six men to be of Council at Bantam during their stay there and take their places after Peter Cooke in the order given above. The following factors are entertained at an annual salary of 30*l.* each: William Ramsden, Thomas Harris, Samuel Griffith, Joseph Clissald, John Kent, Edward Barwell, and Henry Ireton; and the following writers at an annual salary of 10*l.* each: William Keeling, Samuel Potts, Nicholas Waite, Robert Meadowes, John Chappel, Thomas Wilmer, George Chown, Charles Sweeting, and William Witherden. The Court decide not to make any further election at present either of factors or writers. (2¾ *pp.*)

PETITION OF THOMAS SKINNER TO THE KING, JULY 2, 1671 (*Public Record Office: S.P. Dom., Car.* II. 291, no. 116).

For grant of his previous petition, the East India Company delaying to reply to his request for satisfaction for wrongs, and restoration of his island Barella. *Annexed, Petition of Thomas Skinner to the King for safe conduct to the East Indies, and a patent for the enjoyment of his island Barella, with free intercourse of trade thereto, relief being long promised him from the oppressions of the East India Company.* (*Ibid.* no. 116i).

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JULY 5, 1671 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 276).

The report of the Committee for Lawsuits on some alterations in the form of charterparties and factors' covenants is read and approved; it sets forth that all vessels entertained for Japan and dispatched in August or September must be reladen for England by January 10, 1673, provided they arrive at Bantam on or before May 1 next; that a clause be inserted in all charterparties forbidding any commander to permit goods (black pepper excepted) belonging to the Company to be shot into the hold or any other part of the ship, under penalty of the owners of the vessel forfeiting one half of the freight agreed to be paid for the said goods, and paying for any damage caused by this being done; that the clause touching the payment of seamen's wives, etc. be inserted in all charterparties; and that in all covenant of factors and charterparties of ships employed by the Company to the north-east of Bantam certain

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goods (a list is given) be prohibited, also copper and all sorts of ordnance. The Shipping Committee to direct the bringing up from the founders of the four brass guns, their testing and engraving. Resolved that instead of the three brass guns, as formerly ordered, four shall be provided for the King of Bantam. The account of the late Steven Charleton to be examined. The Japan Committee to give directions about the hot-pressing of the cloth to be sent to those parts. The petition of William Thomson, gunsmith, is referred to the Shipping Committee. Ralph Lee, Francis Gardiner, Thomas Death, John Ashby, and John Smyth are accepted as security, each in 200*l.*, for Benjamin Childe. Payment to be made to the owners of the *Constantinople Merchant* on account of freight and demurrage. A warrant to be made out for the ten per cent dividend due to William Jarret for his adventure of 250*l.*, and Thomas Chamber to be permitted to sign to the acceptance of the adventure of 400*l.* transferred to him by Jarret. The request of Benjamin Martin that no dividend may be paid on the adventure of 281*l.*, transferred by Mrs. Brayn to Mr. James, until his claim is settled, which he undertakes shall be done by the end of Michaelmas term next, is granted, and order given accordingly; also for James to be told of the said claim that he may report his opinion concerning it. Private trade returned in the *Berkeley Castle*, *Constantinople Merchant*, and *Zant Frigate* to be examined by the Husband, who is to present particulars of it to the Committee for Private Trade, and deliver the goods into the custody of the owners of the respective ships. Money due to the late Thomas Boone to be paid. (2¼ *pp.*)

A Court of Committees, July 7, 1671 (*Ibid.*, p. 279).

A parcel of musk valued at 2,000 rupees to be delivered to Henry Oxinden, he paying the permission. Ann, widow of Sampson Waring, having bought an adventure in this Stock, is to be allowed the 5*l.* due, as her late husband 'was capable of his freedom'. Certain Committees to ascertain what Mr. Baron hath to offer to the Court touching his employment in their service, and tell him that John Scrape is not to be entertained, 'the Court being unsatisfied in what they hear of his ill conversation'. Joseph Prickman is admitted to the freedom by redemption. The Committee for Shipping to choose a chirurgeon for Japan, and if Mr. St. Leger is 'well skilled in chirurgery' to entertain him. (1 *p.*)

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MATTHEW ANDREWES TO JOSEPH WILLIAMSON, JULY 8, 1671 (*Public Record Office: S.P. Dom., Car.* II. 291, no. 158).

Forwarding an enclosure from the East India Company.

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JULY 12, 1671 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 280).

The sum of 20*l.* to be paid to Mr. Herne for foreign intelligence received from a correspondent of his, but in future he is desired to employ some other person and not let the cost exceed 5*l.* per annum. A pot of musk containing 400 oz. to be delivered free to the owners of the *Berkeley Castle*. The Committee for Private Trade to prepare letters for the commanders of the ships expected home, as information has been received that considerable quantities of prohibited goods were taken aboard the outward-bound Coast and Bay ships; the Committee to examine the commanders, seamen, surveyors and any one else employed aboard and report. Certain Committees are desired to treat with the Committee for the City Lands for warehouse room in Gresham College upon terms as reasonable as possible, but if no agreement is reached then to try elsewhere. Steven Langham to be asked to extend the lease of the Blue warehouses and the yard belonging. Thomas Bownest and William Leight admitted to the freedom by redemption. Mr. Whitchurch asks for the head-money due to the chirurgeon of the *London*, in virtue of a letter of attorney produced; the question arises whether such allowance should be made to chirurgeons of the Company's own ships, and the matter is referred to the Shipping Committee. Matthew Turner to be given a warrant for his dividend, he being a freeman. Mr. Lucas, owner of the *Zant Frigate*, to be paid 1,500*l* on account of freight, and he offering the said ship for further service, order is given for a survey to be taken of her. The petition of Elizabeth Nelson is referred to the Committee for Private Trade to ascertain if her husband behaved well in the voyage, and if so, to give her a suitable gratuity. The petition of Joseph Camel is referred to the Shipping Committee. Damaged pepper returned in the *Constantinople Merchant* to be examined. John Turbervile of Golden, Somerset, and Edward Chappel are accepted as security in 500*l.* for John Chappel. Examination and report to be made of the petition of Mary Sarjeant, and of the printer's bill (2 *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JULY 14, 1671 (*Ibid.*, p. 282).

Damaged pepper to be delivered to the owners of the *Constantinople*

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Merchant. Some musk returned in the *Zant Frigate* to be delivered to Isaac Foxcroft, the permission money to be placed to the account of Agent Foxcroft. The Husband to dispatch some hoyes and a double proportion of men to hasten the unlading of the *Experiment*, and the Shipping Committee to give directions for her speedy refitting and provisioning as she is to go with the *Return* to the north-east parts of India. Thomas Wood is admitted to the freedom by patrimony, and Simon Delboe, who is entertained 'in a considerable employment', is admitted gratis. Two screens returned in the *Loyal Merchant* to be delivered to Thomas Pearle, he paying freight, custom, and all other charges. The report concerning goods prohibited in charterparties and factors' covenants to be considered next Wednesday. (1 *p.*)

THE COMPANY TO THOMAS WOODCOATE [AT MARSEILLES], JULY 17, 1671 (*Letter Book*, vol. iv, p. 466).

Enclose a packet to Consul Lanoy and desire it may be forwarded by the first safe conveyance. (½ *p.*)

THE COMPANY TO CONSUL DELANOY [AT ALEPPO], JULY 17, 1671 (*Ibid.*, p. 467).

Acknowledge his letter of April 13 with the accompanying packets. Enclose their letters to the President and Council at Surat for dispatch by the first safe opportunity. (½ *p.*)

NEWS-LETTER TO GILBERT STAPEHILL AT DARTMOUTH, JULY 18, 1671 (*Public Record Office: S.P. Dom., Car.* II. 291, no. 208).

The *Greyhound* and *Anne* from the East Indies are lately arrived. . . The 13th, three East India ships came to the Downs. . . .

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JULY 19, 1671 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 283).

Commanders of the *Loyal Merchant, Hannibal,* and *Experiment* to send to the East India House 'the diamonds and short ends' from their respective ships for delivery to the owners. The Auditor to draw up a statement of what is owing to the Company from the late Mr. Stephens' estate and deliver to the Committee for Lawsuits, who are to give directions for the bonds of his sureties to be put in suit. Elizabeth Trankmoore to be excused the 5*l.* due for her adventure in the General Joint Stock in consideration of the services of her late husband, but

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neither her children or servants are to expect any advantage from this order. On information that there is ground to be had on reasonable terms near Leadenhall, 'Minchen' Lane and St. Swithin's Lane, on which warehouses may be built more commodious for the Company's use than any now to be let, certain of the Committees are desired to view the said grounds, determine on the most suitable, and ascertain what is demanded for it. Wearing apparel and other personal things belonging to Mrs. Chuseman, returned in the *Coast Frigate*, to be delivered to her; and several chests of books, wearing apparel, and other necessaries belonging to Mrs. Christian Hutchinson, returned in the *Loyal Subject* [*sic*] and *Hannibal*, to be delivered to her. A translation of M. Baron's propositions is read, and after debate referred to the Japan Committee, who are to acquaint him with the Court's opinion and direct him as they think fit with regard to the Dutchman who offers his services; they are also to inform themselves of the behaviour of Fitch Nedham and report. Payment to be made to the owners of the *Berkeley Castle* on account of freight, and she being offered for further service, Captain Prowd is desired to take a survey of her. The Committee for the City Lands to be treated and agreed with for taking the Walks in Gresham College. A bond to be demanded from James Smith for what he owes the Company. William Witherden, Senior, a London draper, and John Sone, a London merchant, are accepted as security in 500*l.* for William Witherden, Junior. Taffetas returned in the *Zant Frigate* consigned from Mr. Marsh to William Warren to be delivered to the latter, the fines on those for his mother and two sisters to be remitted, and those on the rest to be placed to the account of the said Marsh. The petition of John Robson is referred to the Japan Committee, and that of William Clough to the Committee for the South Sea Factories. Consul Lannoy's bill for expenses to be examined. (2½ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JULY 21, 1671 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 286).

Edward Rudge is admitted to the freedom by redemption. The diamonds and short ends returned in the *Loyal Subject*, *Hannibal*, and *Experiment* to be delivered to their owners. Mr. Edwards stating that he has a letter of attorney to receive the consignments made to Seignor Fonseca, or in his absence to Mr. Aboab, certain Committees are to ascertain from the latter if he consents to Edwards receiving these, and if so, they are to be delivered accordingly. The petition of Christian

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Hutchinson, widow, is referred for consideration. Certain Committees to ascertain and report as to the qualifications of Mr. Hoskins, minister of 'Marleborow', who is recommended to serve the Company as a chaplain in India. Upon a report from the Japan Committee, it is resolved that M. Samuel Baron, who is entertained to go as Second to Japan, shall, in accordance with his wish, be allowed (in case of the death of the Chief) to go to Bantam or Surat and from thence to England, provided the Company's affairs at Japan are well settled. The Japan Committee to consider concerning the denization of M. Baron and report what they think fit to be done. Fitch Nedham is elected to serve as a factor at 20*l.* a year. Consul Lannoy to be paid 298 dollars at the rate of 6*s.* the dollar. Orders given for disposal of the damaged pepper, coffee, cotton yarn, and seed-lac returned in the *Berkeley Castle*. The Court resolve to consider next Wednesday their affairs at Japan and the articles for a trade at Formosa. The Committee for Lawsuits to report what alterations they think should be made in factors' covenants. The Shipping Committee to agree with Mr. Lucas about freighting the *Zant Frigate* for a voyage to Japan. Clothes and other personal things belonging to Mrs. Smythes, returned in the *Coast Frigate*, to be delivered to her. (1¾ *pp.*)

A Court of Committees, July 26, 1671 (*Ibid.*, p. 288).

John Langley and Giles Lidcot, London, merchants, are accepted as security in 1,000*l.* for Samuel Griffith. The Committees for Sambrooke's warehouse to examine damaged goods returned in the *Zant Frigate* and *Berkeley Castle*, also any other damaged goods that shall come home this year in any of the Company's ships, and use their discretion as to delivery of the same. The porters, who through negligence let fall a bale of calicoes into the Thames, are to pay for it at the rate goods of the same kind shall fetch at the next sale. Mr. Meadowes and Sir Philip Meadowes are accepted as security in 500*l.* for Robert Meadowes, writer. A gratuity of 50*l.* to be presented to Christian, widow of James Hutchinson, in consideration of her husband's good services; she is also to be allowed for her passage home. The petition of Captain Parrick, commander of the *Zant Frigate*, is read and order given for the futtalongees he brought back to be examined. It is resolved to send to the Coast and Bay about 1,700 tons of shipping this year, besides the Bantam ship, which with 2,600 tons formerly advised to be sent to Bantam, Surat, the Coast, and Japan, and 1,600 tons to Surat (besides

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the Bantam ship) makes 5,900 tons. The Deputy to draw up a list of vessels suitable to be dispatched to the several factories in accordance with their turns as nearly as possible. The commanders of the ships appointed for the Coast and Bay to be instructed not to keep aboard more than twenty-five tons of saltpetre to every hundred tons burden of their vessels on their departure from the Fort, and the Agent and Council there to be advised of this. Commanders, who have already been to the Coast and Bay, to report how the Company's ships may enter the river Ganges with safety. John Young, chirurgeon in the *Zant Frigate*, to be paid 20*s.* for four passengers in that ship. Bezoar stones and pills to be delivered free to Mr. de Liz, but he is to pay the fine on some quilts. The accounts of Cyriack Petit, George Rowe, and James Lord to be examined. A bill of exchange payable to Captain Richard Goodlad, drawn by the Agent and Council of Bantam, to be accepted. A warrant for the ten per cent dividend to be given to Mr. John Allen and to Mrs. Barrodale, they to pay 5*l.* for their freedom. An account of the freight of the *Zant Frigate* to be made out, and the owners and commander advised how to charge for private trade returned in that ship. Mr. Hoskins is elected to serve as chaplain at Surat at 50*l.* a year and 50*l.* gratuity. A fine of 40*s.* the cwt. to be paid in future on all red earth brought from the Indies as private trade. (2 *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JULY 26, 1671 [AFTERNOON] (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 290).

A letter for the Agent and Council of Bantam, one from His Majesty, and one from the Company, to the Emperor of Japan, are read and referred to the Japan Committee to consider what is further necessary to be added; they are also to decide what further provision of scarlet and other cloths should be made, in view of the desires of the King of Tywan, how much coral and amber to send, and to provide these accordingly. The Shipping Committee to see to the provision of powder, guns, and iron to be sent aboard the three ships designed for Bantam, and entertain two experienced gunners and one gunsmith to serve the Company at Tywan. Letters from Stockholm are read but referred for consideration. A list of factors in the South Seas to be prepared by next Friday, when the Court will consider whether to entertain any more. (1 *p.*)

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A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JULY 28, 1671 (*Ibid.*, p. 291).

A parcel of stuffs, which Mr. Lewes alleges he bought from the Company as taffetas, to be examined. Four quilts to be delivered to Mr. De Liz. Examination and report to be made of the accounts of William Horner, William Wailet, George Urial, Thomas Serjeant, and Thomas Morley. A fine of 20*s.* to be paid on every quilt brought as private trade from India, this to be inserted in charterparties and covenants. The letter from Stockholm is considered and order given for Mr. Sowton to be commissioned to contract at once for eight or ten thousand pounds worth of copper Ungar plates to be delivered in London before the 1st of December next, the price not to exceed 5*l.* 17*s.* the cwt. Thomas Morley to be paid and given 40*s.* for clothes. John Bull is admitted to the freedom by service. The commander of the *Rebecca*, on behalf of her owners, offers that ship for further service. (1½ *pp.*)

A MEETING OF THE COMMITTEES, JULY 28, 1671 [AFTERNOON] (*Ibid.*, p. 292).

Resolved that it be reported to the Court as the opinion of this Committee that there should be a general court of sales held on Tuesday, September 5 next. Mr. Joliffe states that, after conferring with Mr. Dawson, he has agreed to take for the scavage on jewels one penny in every hundred pounds on aliens' goods. After consideration of what has been written by Mr. Rolt, the Committees consider: 1. That the two per cent consulage demanded from the English should be remitted. 2. That a letter should be procured from His Majesty to the King of Persia desiring right may be done in the half-customs due to the Company, and a draft of a letter drawn up to that effect and presented to the Court. With regard to the factors employed at Bantam and in the South Seas, the Committees think it might be advantageous to the Company's affairs if two able and discreet merchants were added to the number there, but that no more young men should be entertained for those parts. (¾ *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, AUGUST 2, 1671 (*Ibid.*, p. 293).

Captain Hill offering the *Hannibal* for further service, order is given for a survey to be taken of her. Thomas Chown Esq. of Alfriston, Sussex, and Bray Chown, grocer, of London, are approved as security in 500*l.* for George Chown, writer. The four new ships to be commanded

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by Captains Johnson, Whitty, Crover, and Baker, to be entertained, the owners and commanders to make their proposals to the Company as usual, and the said ships to be surveyed. The *Rebecca* and *Mediterranean Merchant* are tendered for renewed service, but on information that both are bad sailers, the Court direct that a survey be taken of them to ascertain whether this is due to their build or otherwise, and how it may be rectified. The two new three-decked ships, to be commanded by Captains Pearce and Bendal, to be employed, and the owners or commanders to sign the customary agreement. Captain Hall, who has served the Company several years in the *Coast Frigate*, now superannuated, and has an interest in the new ship built by Mr. Lucas of Yarmouth, prays to be employed, the Court consent, provided his ship, upon survey, is found fit for their service. The following vessels are appointed to their several stations, viz.: for the Coast and Bay: the *Experiment, Loyal Subject, Berkeley Castle, Hannibal, Rebecca* (if upon survey found fit), and the *Ann*, Captain Dawes, if she arrives in time. For Surat: *Loyal Merchant, Return* (from Japan), Captain Pearce's new ship, Captain Hall's new ship, and the *Rainbow*, if she arrives in time. For Bantam: the five new ships built for Captains Bendall, Johnson, Whitty, Crover, and Baker, *Mediterranean* (if found fit), and the *Zant Frigate*. The Shipping Committee to see that the three ships designed for Japan are dispeeded from Gravesend by the end of the month, and that convenient accommodation is provided aboard them for the several factors, and the Japan Committee to see that all goods and provisions bought for Japan are sent aboard the said three ships in good time, and to inform the factors, who are to be of Council, of the designs of the Company in the present undertaking, of the instructions drawn up, and how they are to conduct themselves in their respective stations, bearing in mind that none is superior to the other but that all are to act jointly in Council in managing the Company's business, it being only for the sake of order that one is put before the other; and when the voting is equal on any question then the Chief is to 'have a double vote'. The Committee for Private Trade to send aboard the *Experiment, Return*, and *Zant Frigate* some careful persons with instructions to see that only goods allowed by order of the Court, the Governor, or Deputy, are to be laden in these ships, provisions excepted. Resolved that Captain Lymbry in the *Experiment* shall 'wear the flagg' in the expedition to Japan. The fine of 5*l.* due for his adventure in the General Joint Stock is remitted to Thomas Woodcot, minister. Pay-

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ment for freight is made to the owners of the *Hannibal*. Resolved that no encouragement shall be given for the building of two-decked ships. The owners of the *Greyhound* to be paid for freight, and they offering that ship for further service and proposing, in case she is refused as being superannuated, to build a new two-decker, the Court give them no encouragement. Some China silk and some sehairs or 'raw tafaties of Bengale' to be delivered to Isaac Foxcroft, the fine due upon them to be charged to the account of his father, Agent Foxcraft. The account of William Colquait to be reported. Samuel Foote and Maurice Bawds are elected factors for Bantam, the former to take rank next to Peter Cooke and the latter next to Mr. Dornay. Private trade in the *Experiment* and the other ships to be examined. The court of sales is put off from the 5th to the 12th September, notice to this effect to be made public. A bill of exchange payable to John Bradenham, drawn by the Agent and Council of Bantam, is accepted. Several reports approved for payments to the following men: James Lord, George Rowe, William Waylet, Thomas Sarjeant, and William Horner. The several resolutions of the Committees who met on the afternoon of July 28 are agreed to and confirmed. (3¼ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, AUGUST 4, 1671 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 296).

Robert Welsteed admitted to the freedom by redemption. The following securities are approved: Rowland Wynn and John Ramsden both of London, in 500*l.* for William Ramsden, writer. Robert Bretton, London merchant, and Thomas Green, packer, in 2,000*l.* for David Stephens. Sir John Robinson and John Standen, apothecary of London, in 1,000*l.* for John Kent. John Banks and Company at Hamburg to be written to and desired to accept bills of exchange drawn upon them by Mr. Sowton to the value of 4,000*l.* over and above what has already been ordered, and charge the amount to the Company. The account of Nathaniel Brigs to be stated. Wine to be provided for the several factories and for the ships' companies, and sent by the winter shipping. Payments to be made to the administrators of Samuel Charleton and Syriac Petit. On complaint that great prejudice is done the Company by the private trading of several Englishmen, not in their service, but residing in the Indies and in Persia, order is given for this matter to be considered, also how these men may be repressed or recalled, the Secretary to remind the Court of the same. Pieces of 'tafaties

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in the gum[1] to be delivered free to Daniel Sheldon, he having first invented the making of them, but it is resolved to impose a fine of 10*s.* a piece upon all taffetas, in or out of gum, brought from Bengal as private trade. Payment to be made to Sir Francis Clarke for moneys due on the accounts of Jeremiah Elam and Elizabeth Nelson. Futtalongaes, belonging to John Young, surgeon in the *Zant Frigate*, who died on the homeward voyage, to be delivered free of fine to his administrator. A report on the account of William Clough is approved. The account of John Fleetwood and the petition of Bridget Hardy to be examined. A survey of the *Berkeley Castle* is approved. The purser of the *Loyal Subject* to deliver free of fine to Madame Duteel two pieces of silk sent to her as a token by the President of Surat. A box of writings in the custody of Dunkin to be examined by the Secretary and Auditor, and if nothing concerning private trade is found, then it is to be delivered to Messrs. Innis and Vincent, to whom it is directed. The money due to Mr. Morden for cellarage to be ascertained. Payment to be made to the owners of the *Constantinople Merchant* on account of freight and demurrage. (2 *pp.*)

THE COMPANY TO MESSRS. BANKS [AT HAMBURG], AUGUST 4, 1671 (*Letter Book*, vol. iv, p. 469).

Have commissioned Samuel Sowton to buy copper Ungar plates to the value of 4,000*l.* and draw bills upon them for that amount, these bills will be accepted when presented, and punctual payment made. (⅛ *p.*)

THE COMPANY TO SAMUEL SOWTON [AT STOCKHOLM], AUGUST 4, 1671 (*Ibid.*, p. 469).

Acknowledge his letter of the 15th ultimo, by which they observe he has not yet executed their last commission. Have notified Messrs. Banks to accept bills from him to the value of 4,000*l.* (⅛ *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, AUGUST 9, 1671 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 298).

Payment to be made to the owners of the *Mediterranean Merchant*, *Rebecca*, *Coast Frigate*, and *Loyal Subject* on account of freight and demurrage, and Captain Arnold Browne offering the last-named vessel for further service, order is given for her to be surveyed. At the request of Mr. Sawyer, one of the securities of the late Mr. Stephens, a copy of

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what the latter is indebted to the Company is delivered to him, and order given for the law proceedings to be stayed for a week. Thomas Juxon affirming that he was admitted to the freedom by patrimony at the beginning of this Stock, Harbert is directed to deliver to him a warrant for the ten per cent dividend. The account of the owner and Master of the *Zant Frigate* touching overtonnage of goods brought back to be adjusted. Examination and report to be made of damaged goods in the charge of Papillon. The petitions of Thomas Newman, Elizabeth Prince, and Elizabeth Hatch are referred for consideration. At the request of the Portuguese Ambassador, the owners of the *Loyal Subject* are directed to deliver free of fine to Captain Bairos, a Portuguese who was a passenger in that ship, a trunk and cabinet containing wearing apparel and other necessaries, also some calicoes and silks. Thomas Breton and Francis Lodowick are accepted as security in 2,000*l.* for Simon Delboe. The accounts of Bartholomew Pickering and Thomas Wilson, late minister at Surat, to be reported. Certain Committees to agree with the Eastland Company touching the duties demanded on copper lately brought from Sweden for the Company. Reports concerning payments due to William Mathews, Robert Pearne, Moses Davis, and William Colquet are approved. (1¾ *pp.*)

A Court of Committees, August 11, 1671 (*Ibid.*, p. 300).

Mr. Nanfan and the other owners of the new three-decked ship, offered last March to the Company, present Captain Haddock for approbation as her commander. The Court signify their approval of him in case the said vessel is employed, but state that as yet they have no occasion for her. Examination and report to be made of the accounts of Tobias Brocke, William Walter, Matthew Watson, and William Ashford. The petitions of Ann Browning and Mr. Wilks are referred to the Committee for Private Trade, who are to use their discretion concerning both. The Court approve of the alterations made by the Committee for Lawsuits in factors' covenants, and desire the said Committee to meet this afternoon to perfect the form for charterparties. Edward Barwell to take place next to Samuel Griffith and before Joseph Clissald. Payment on account of freight and demurrage to be made to the owners of the *Greyhound*. Barbara Nedham of Stevenage, widow, and William Ivy, hosier, are accepted as security in 1,000*l.* for Fitch Nedham. The report of the Committee on the overtonnage of the *Zant* is approved; by it Captain Parrick is to be allowed freight free

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certain piece-goods he brought back for himself, his wife, and two children, and all overplus of tonnage, above the five per cent. allowed by charterparty, is to be paid by the *Zant* and the rest of this year's shipping at the rate of 13*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* per ton, the said five per cent to be allowed only for goods laden for account of the owners, master, and seamen of the several vessels. (1½ *pp.*)

THE COMPANY TO THOMAS WOODCOATE [AT MARSEILLES], AUGUST 14, 1671 (*Letter Book*, vol. iv, p. 471).

In their last of July 17 they enclosed a packet for dispatch to Consul Lanoy; they now send another packet and desire that it may be forwarded as opportunity shall present. (⅛ *p.*)

THE COMPANY TO CONSUL DELANOY [AT ALEPPO], AUGUST 14, 1671 (*Ibid.*, p. 471).

On July 17 they sent him their packet to the President and Council at Surat; they now enclose another for dispatch. Have received his account of disbursements and paid the same, according to his desire, to John Jolliffe, being 298 dollars at 6*s.* amounting to 89*l.* 8*s.* 8*d.* (⅛ *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, AUGUST 16, 1671 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 301).

The following securities are approved: Thomas Harris, Senior, haberdasher, and Miles Lukins, scrivener, both of London, in 1,000*l.* for Thomas Harris, Junior, factor. John Sweeting, merchant, and Charles Sweeting, pewterer, both of London, in 500*l.* for Charles Sweeting, Junior, writer. Captain Arthur Bayley and Richard Nash, grocer of Shadwell, in 1,000*l.* for Thomas James, factor. Mr. Beale to go to Yarmouth, survey the new ship being built there by Mr. Lucas, send a written report as to her progress and when she may be brought into the Thames, which service he is to perform at Lucas's expense. Captain Jones requesting that the bond he entered into for Richard Francis may be delivered up, the account being cleared, the matter is referred to the Auditor. The fines on taffetas in the gum put to the account of Agent Foxcroft to be remitted because of 'his sufferings' in the Company's service. The account of Mr. Briggs to be examined. Mr. Sawyer requests that an appearance may be accepted to the action begun against him by the Company, and is told that if no prejudice will be caused it shall be as he wishes. On reading the report on the petition of Thomas

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Newman, whose father was supercargo in the *Zant Frigate* in a voyage to the West Coast of Sumatra, where going ashore he was 'unhappily drowned', and the petitioner and his sister thus left in a very helpless condition, the Court bestow a gratuity of 20*l.* apiece on Newman and his sister, to be paid to John Bere for their use. Musk laden in the *Coast Frigate* to be delivered to Daniel Sheldon, who has paid the permission. The report of the Committee for Lawsuits, on the alterations they have made about goods factors are permitted to trade in, is approved, and order given for it to be printed. Seamen in the *Experiment* to be paid their wages, and the month's imprest to be paid to the officers and men in that ship and in the *Return* as soon as they arrive at Gravesend. A fine of 5*l.* to be levied on every cwt. of China roots brought from India as private trade. Samuel Reade, servant to Sir William Thomson, is admitted to the freedom gratis. Payment to be made to the administratrix of the late William Waters and to the — of the late John Fleetwood. Damaged pepper taken out of the *Hannibal*, *Rebecca*, *Mediterranean*, and *Greyhound* to be delivered to the owners of the said ships and charged to their several accounts. In the general letter to Bantam intimation is to be given that Griffith is to accompany Stephens to Japan. (*2 pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, AUGUST 18, 1671 (*Ibid.*, p. 303).

The following securities are approved: John Clissald, merchant-taylor of London, and Nicholas Orton, gentleman, in 1,000*l.* for Joseph Clissald. Sir Thomas Chamber and Matthew Andrews each in 1,000*l.* for William Gyfford. John Browning and Robert Wilson, London merchants, in 1,000*l.* for Maurice Bawds. Captain Jones to have delivered to him the bond he entered into as security for Mr. Francis, the Auditor having certified that the account is cleared. Joseph Herne is admitted to the freedom by service, and Robert De Luna by redemption. The Committee for Private Trade to see to the delivery and payment of fines on indigo and 'alloes Siccatrina' brought home by the officers and men in the *Experiment*. Certain propositions made by the factors entertained for Japan, Formosa, and Tonqueen, also a paper in Dutch from Samuel Baron are read, and referred to the Japan Committee. A time to be appointed next Wednesday for pricing the calicoes. A transfer of 600*l.* subscription in the General Stock (half paid in) by Abraham Dolins, residing in Holland, attested by a public notary, and his servant, Bush, testifying in court that he has his

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master's advice for the said transfer, also a general letter of attorney to negotiate all his master's business, the said transfer is approved, and order given for it to be inserted in the book of transfers. At the request of William Markham, his brother George Markham, a sailor in the *Charles* now in the Indies, is to be allowed to return to England, a clause to this effect to be inserted in the Surat letter. Payment to be made to Nathaniel Brigs. Ordered that in the valuation of the present Joint Stock, now being drawn up by the Committee for Accounts, 'a reasonable estimate is to be given in gross' of the profits that may accrue from the goods about to be sold. (1½ *pp.*)

NEWS-LETTER TO WILLIAM SCAWEN, AUGUST 19, 1671 (*Public Record Office: S.P. Dom., Car.* II. 292, no. 78).

. . . The *Rainbow*, an East India ship, arrived in the Downs on the 17th. . . .

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, AUGUST 23, 1671 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 305).

Robert Knightly to be allowed to send in the *Return* sixteen gallons of wine to James Adams. The Japan Committee to buy half a yard of each damask, now produced in court, to send as samples to Tonqueen. A valuation of the present Stock, drawn up by the Committee for Accounts, is read and referred back to the said Committee, who are to fill up the blanks with an estimate of ten per cent. on the goods outward-bound, and about forty or fifty per cent. on those arrived here; the amended valuation to be read at the general court to be held on Wednesday, the 30th instant, in the afternoon. Samuel Moyer offers the *Concord*, commanded by Captain Thornbury, for the Company's service, and is told that no more ships are required at present, but that she shall be employed in turn after other vessels previously offered. The Committees to meet to-morrow morning at Leadenhall to examine and price the calicoes ready for the sale. Payment to be made to the owners of the *Ann*, commanded by Captain Dawes, on account of freight and demurrage. All owners to be allowed in charterparty 50*s.* per diem demurrage on every hundred tons. The account of Mr. Watson to be examined. Consideration to be taken on Wednesday as to whether all the Surat goods in the Company's warehouses shall be put up at the next sale. Wearing apparel and other necessaries belonging to Shem Bridges and now aboard the *Rainbow* to be delivered to him after

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examination. Captain Goodlad to send up to the East India House all diamonds and other permission goods from aboard the *Rainbow*, to be delivered to Dunkin, the musk to be delivered to Sprigg, in order that both may be sent to their respective owners. On information that the *Zant Frigate* is backward in preparation for her voyage, order is given for Mr. Lucas to be told that, unless she is ready to sail from Gravesend by the 6th prox., neither she nor the new ship, offered by Lucas and commanded by Captain Hall, will be employed. Mr. Gyfford to be allowed to take his sister with him in the *Zant Frigate* for the South Seas on paying her passage. (1½ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, AUGUST 25, 1671 (*Ibid.*, p. 306).

The following allowances to be made for fresh provisions to those going to Japan: to Messrs. Stephens, Baron, Delboe, and Gyfford 20*l.* apiece; to the factors who are to be of Council 10*l.* apiece, and to the rest of the factors and writers 5*l.* apiece, and Edwyn to provide gold and silver lace to the value of 40*l.* or 50*l.*, also paper, books, etc., for the new factories. Mr. Hillyard, having authority, applies for wages due to John Loveland, a prisoner at Ceylon, but the matter is referred to two Committees, who are to state Loveland's account and report what power he has given to Hillyard. The Court, on consideration of their resolve of the 2nd instant not to encourage the building of any more two-decked ships, which was mainly to prevent the exclusion of those commanders who had already been in their service, but wishing to encourage the building of three-decked vessels, and lest others should be discouraged from building good two-decked ships, declare that although no encouragement will be given by advance of freight, yet if any one shall propose to build vessels fit for the Company's service, these shall be employed in turn before others as there is need for them, provided they are found fit, and approved commanders nominated, precedency to be given always to those who have already served the Company. Musk sent home by Ellis Crisp to be delivered to Samuel Crisp on payment of two per cent. permission. Two of the Committees are requested to direct the delivery of the diamonds and other jewels in Dunkin's custody to the persons to whom they belong. Sarkhej indigo, returned in the *Experiment* and belonging to her officers, to be delivered, and order is given that only half the fine is to be charged on broadcloth taken out in the said ship. Cotton yarn and pepper, both much damaged, to be delivered to the owners of the

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Coast Frigate and *Loyal Subject*, and charged to their respective accounts. In accordance with reports now read payments are to be made to Tobias Brock and Bartholomew Pickering; to Richard Blackborne, upholsterer, for goods supplied, and to Thomas Place, mason, for work done in the Company's House. Thomas Bawds is accepted as one of the securities of Maurice Bawds in the room of John Benning (*sic.*, cp. p. 65), deceased. (1¾ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, AUGUST 30, 1671 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 308).

Examination and report to be made of the accounts of William Aldridge and Benjamin Peade. Maurice Bawds elected a factor for the South Seas at an annual salary of 40*l.* Musk returned in the *Loyal Subject*, belonging to Major John Tailor as part of his late brother's estate, to be delivered free, but for some camphor the Major is to pay the usual freight. Letters from the King of Bantam and one of his Council, a letter from Agent Dacres and Mr. Mainstone, and information now given touching the liberty permitted the Dutch to frequent the Company's House with insight into their affairs, after being debated are all referred to the Japan Committee to consider and report their opinion as to what is fit to be done. The Shipping Committee to see that a year's pay is given to Mr. Tutchin, minister in the *Return*, on account of his service in the present expedition to Japan and to acquaint him with the opinion of the Court on the debate now had concerning him. Payment of 100*l.* to be made to Isaac Foxcroft as part of the salary due to his father, Agent Foxcroft at Fort St. George. Mr. Baron to be acquainted with the substance of the debate had upon the report of the Committee who spoke with him. The Accountant and Auditor to confer with Mr. Lucas and Captain Parrick touching some sannoes missing in the *Zant Frigate*, and payment to be made on account of freight and demurrage to Lucas as owner of the said ship. Two months wages due to Mr. Ashford to be paid to his wife Susan. John Elliot to be entertained as steward in one of the Company's ships, and in one of the factories in the South Seas. The entertainment of Mark Laurens, recommended by Sir John Laurens, to be considered at the next election. A book, containing the valuation of the present Joint Stock to April 30 last, is delivered to the Secretary to lock up until further order. (2 *pp.*)

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A GENERAL COURT, AUGUST 30, 1671 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 310).

The Governor states that, in pursuance of the preamble and the intimation given at the last general court, a valuation has been made of the General Joint Stock. This is read, and is as follows:

		Dr. £	s.	d.
1671	*Stock.*			
April 30	To several persons, as in folio 6 of the book of valuation	361,286	11	6
	To balance	645,827	2	3
		1,007,113	13	9
	Out of this estate is to be deducted a division of ten per cent. made in May last, amounting to.	36,989	2	6
1671	*Stock.*	*Cr.*		
April 30	By several debts owing to the Company, as in folio 1 of the book of valuation . . .	136,735	19	0
	By Stock in shipping, as in folio 3 of the said book	17,709	18	8
	By remains at Surat & the Coast of the cargoes of five ships sent in 1670, as in folio 7 of said book	170,586	8	10
	By plantation of St. Helena, being a place of charge for the accommodation of shipping			
	By remains at Bantam and the cost of the cargoes of seven ships sent thither in 1670, as in folio 9 of the said book	129,213	8	6
	By remains at the Fort, Metchlepatam, and the Bay, and the cost of the cargoes of five ships sent thither in 1670, as in folio 10, ditto book	235,709	11	0
	By remains in England, as in folio 4 and 5 ditto book	313,255	11	6
		1,003,210	17	6
	By money in cash	3,902	16	3
		1,007,113	13	9

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	£	s.	d.
By the profit on £98,569 5*s.* 9*d.* cost of the cargoes of four ships sent to Surat in 1669, and arrived there and part of them sold, which we hope will produce 10 per cent. clear of charges			
By the profit on £199,815 1*s.* 2*d.*, the cost of the cargoes of four ships from Surat, five from Bantam, and three from the Coast & Bay, arrived in England, which we hope will produce, clear of all charges, about 50 per cent.			
By desperate debts owing the Company at home & abroad	65,542	17	2

(1½ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, SEPTEMBER 1, 1671 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 312).

Caesar and Barnard Knapton are accepted as security in 1,000*l.* for William Knapton, factor. Sir Samuel Barnardiston offers for service a two-deck ship now being built at Ipswich, to be commanded by Mr. Cumberland; and the Court direct that she be employed in turn and according to their order of August 25 last. Resolved that the ships designed for India this year shall be obliged by charterparty to sail from Gravesend as follows: those for the Coast and Bay by November 20; those for Bantam and the South Seas by January 10; and those for Surat by February 10. The Shipping Committee to appoint the proportion of tonnage to be allowed to the commanders, officers, and men of the ships now outward-bound. The Buying Committee to provide goods advised for from India, and any others they consider necessary for the respective factories. John Newton, a London merchant, and Edward Barwell, a gentleman of Lyon's Inn, are approved as security in 1,000*l.* for Edward Barwell, Junior. The petitions of Thomas Bacon and William Russell are referred to the Committee for Private Trade, who are to do as they see fit concerning them. On reading the petition of John Crandon, the Court give order for the morees he sent in the *Coast Frigate* to be delivered to Edwyn and the fines on them placed to the account of the petitioner, but thirty are to be allowed him free, they being for the use of his father, mother, two sisters, and himself; he is also promised that his late sufferings shall be

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taken into consideration with those of the other factors at Fort St. George, who were in a like condition with himself. The Court, noting that the Company's ships are filled up with private trade by factors sending goods aboard and afterwards demanding bills of lading for them, order that the factors be written to and desired to stop this, and the commanders told to give bills of lading for the Company's goods only, and not permit any more goods than the five per cent allowed by charterparty to be laden in their vessels under penalty of 40*l.* per ton for over freight. The Committee for Private Trade to ascertain how much of that trade was returned this year and what it was in excess of the five per cent allowance. Payments to be made to Martha Davis and William Aldridge in accordance with reports now read. Calicoes returned in the *Coast Frigate* to be delivered to Ann Dunmore on payment of the ordinary freight, and private trade returned in the same ship to be delivered to Captains Hall and Risby. On reading a survey of the ship being built by Mr. Lucas at Southwold, the Court decide not to employ her, and Lucas is told this. Captain William Goodlad offers for service a new ship called the *African*. (2 *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, SEPTEMBER 6, 1671 (*Ibid.*, p. 314).

Messrs. Woder and Sone, executors of Lawrence Chambers, move the Court concerning his goods and estate at home and at Bantam, also wages due to him, but the Governor replying that there is some uncertainty about the ownership of the goods, the matter is referred to four Committees to settle. Examination and report to be made of the account of the late Mr. Moore. Mr. Baron desiring to be supplied with more money to enable him to pay his debts, certain Committees are directed to ascertain and report concerning his engagements. Payment to be made to the owners of the *Loyal Subject* on account of freight. Captain Arnold Brown asks that his purser may be allowed some cowries returned in the *Loyal Subject*, but the matter is referred to the Committee for Private Trade. Examination and report to be made of some futtalongees belonging to Captain Parrick. Calicoes from Bantam to be sent to the Company's warehouse at Gresham College. Mr. Herne to be given 10*l.*, which sum he spent 'for intelligence for the Company'. The Committees reporting that they have considered the ground adjoining the Blue warehouse, the ground in Mincing Lane, and other places for building upon, they are desired to reconsider these and any other pieces of ground suitable for erection of warehouses, and report,

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with the prices demanded, if for sale, or the yearly rental and term for which they will be let, the cost of building, and what accommodation the Company will obtain. Mr. Andrews reports that Mr Hoskins, who was elected a minister for Surat, is duly qualified for the Company's service, being 'a judicious learned and pious person'. The account of John House to be examined. Mr. Boone to be allowed to send some olives, and William Thomson some drugs in the ships now bound for the South Seas. Thomas Watson to be paid the balance of his account. Mr. Meadowes and Sir Philip Meadowes, who were accepted as security in 500*l.* for Robert Meadowes, writer, but have not yet sealed their bond, Sir Samuel Barnardiston engages to stand security until this is done, and requests that the said Robert Meadowes may be given his dispatch; this is granted. The commanders of the *Experiment*, *Return*, and *Zant Frigate* report the forwardness of their vessels, and are directed to hasten to Gravesend, and the factors and writers also appearing in court are told to prepare to go there with the said ships. Upon the petition of Jonathan Aston, the Committee for Shipping are directed to suspend payment of wages due to Mr. Newman until further order. Captain William Goodlad gives in the dimensions of ship *African*. (2¼ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, SEPTEMBER 8, 1671 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 316).

Maurice Bawds to be allowed 10*l.* for fresh provisions. Fines on calicoes remitted to Sir Godard Nelthorp, Widow Hatch, and Mrs. Wilson. The petitions of Alice Mathews and Ann Waters referred to the Shipping Committee, who are to ascertain how the husbands of the said two women behaved during their service in the *Charles*, and report what they think should be done. John Robson and the other two stewards of factories bound for the South Seas to be allowed 5*l.* apiece. Damaged pepper returned in the *Ann* (commanded by Captain Abraham Dawes) to be delivered to her owners. Jane Amos to be given 5*l.* in part of the wages of her husband, who is a dyer in the Company's service in the Bay. John Bolton is admitted to the freedom by redemption. In accordance with a report now read concerning Captain Parrick's futtalongees, fines on one-fourth part, which belonged to the Captain's brother (who died during the voyage and left several children) are remitted, also on forty-five pieces, as they are for the use of the Captain and his relations. Report to be made by the Husband on the quality and quantity of indigo returned as private trade in the *Loyal Subject*. The request of

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Captain Hall for the difference concerning the damaged goods returned in the *Coast Frigate* to be referred to arbitration is refused. Consideration touching the freight of ships employed by the Company is deferred until after the sale. (1¼ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, SEPTEMBER 11, 1671 (*Ibid.*, p. 318).

Mr. Rallinson to be allowed to ship in the *Return* six casks of Rhenish wine for the account of Agent Dacres. On report from the Auditor and Accomptant that two bales of sannoes are missing in the *Zant Frigate*, though invoiced at the Fort, Mr. Lucas is ordered to deposit 100*l.* in the Company's hands to make these good, but if it shall be found that the said goods were not laden in his ship, then he is to be repaid the 100*l.* with interest at the rate of five per cent per annum. The account of Prior Mansfield to be examined. The Committee for Buying Goods to view and report on a parcel of coral beads offered for sale. Jambi and other pepper priced for the sale. (¾ *p.*)

A GENERAL COURT OF SALES, SEPTEMBER 12–19, 1671 (*Ibid*, p. 319).

Sale of cotton yarn, Jambi, Bimlipatam and Malabar pepper, white, discoloured and light pepper, flags, scummings and dust of pepper, Carmania wool, coffee, aloes soccatrina, myrrh, olibanum, benzoin, cassia lignum, assafoetida, tamarinds, tincal, sugar, sugarcandy, candied ginger, musk in cod, Lahore and Sarkhej indigo, skins and dust of indigo, indigo shirts, stick-lac, turmerick, cowries, saltpetre, red earth, large and small quilts, broad and narrow chintz, chintz Khady, Serwange chintz, broad and narrow tapseiles, nicannees, Guinea stuffs, brawles, brown and white dungarees, blue, brown, and white pautkaes, mercollees, derebauds, birampauts, black birams, broad, blue, and black baftas, narrow baftas, sovaguzzees, salloes, longcloth, blue longcloth, sallampores, parcallaes, bettellees, brown bettellees, Oringal bettellees, red, white, and coloured ginghams, cossaes, humhums, sannoes, allejaes, sailcloth, morees, taffetas, narrow atlasses, damask, plushes, 'curles and pelings', and raw silk; with prices and names of purchasers. (24½ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, SEPTEMBER 14, 1671 (*Ibid.*, p. 344).

Captain John Atkins is given 15*l.*, over and above his pay as chief mate, for services in the *Return* from the time of the death of Captain

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Whitehorne until the arrival of that ship in the Thames; he is also to be allowed 8*l.* a month as commander in the *Return* in her present expedition to the South Seas, and to be given a warrant for payment for primage and average due to him for the said ship. Samuel Baron to be given 70*l.* on account of his salary and entertainment, and 20*l.* for fresh provisions. Mr. Tutchin to be allowed 5*l.* for fresh provisions. The owners of the *Greyhound* to be paid 1,800*l.* on account of freight. The sum of 250 dollars apiece to be imprested to the pursers in the *Experiment* and *Return*. Joseph Clissald to be permitted to ship out 1,000 dollars for his own account. (1 *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, SEPTEMBER 18, 1671 [AFTERNOON] (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 345).

All buyers who pay in their money between this and Saturday night next, the 12th instant, to be allowed the full discount of nine months from that date, as the sale was adjourned to the 19th instant. David Stephens to be allowed to ship out 2,000 dollars permission free. Thomas Haslewood, factor, to be remitted the fine on some calicoes which are for the use of himself and four of his relations. (¾ *p.*)

SIR GEORGE DOWNING TO SIR JOHN BANKES AND SAMUEL PEPYS, SEPTEMBER 19, 1671 (*Public Record Office: S.P. Dom., Car.* II. 300, no. 39).

By desire of the Treasury Commissioners, asking them to hasten their report about the difference between His Majesty and the East India Company about the freight of the *Leopard*.

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, SEPTEMBER 20, 1671 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 346).

Mr. Chown to be allowed to ship out 282 dollars permission free. Payment to be made to Mary Mansfield, administratrix to the late Prior Mansfield, in accordance with a report now read. A proposal made by David Stephens is referred to the Japan Committee. The owners of the *Ann* to be paid on account of her freight and demurrage. Captain Richard Goodlad offers the *Rainbow* for further service, and order is given for a survey to be taken of her and for her owners to be paid for freight and demurrage. On a motion for some recognition of the good services of Captain Limbry during Sivāji's last invasion of Surat, certain Committees are desired to read what is written concerning him in the

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Surat letter, and report what they think should be done. A petition from John Codrington is read and order given for part of what is due to him on the Company's bill to be paid, provided Mr. Buckeridge joins with him in giving a receipt. Ordered that when Mr. Kent repays the 5*l.* he received for fresh provisions for his intended voyage to the South Seas, then his covenants and security are to be delivered up. The request that Woodcock, a packer, may serve the Company with cloth is referred to the Committee for Buying Goods, who are enjoined to buy cloth where it can be had at the cheapest rate and packed by those from whom it is bought. Thomas Paul to be paid 20*s.* 'for his pains taken in the instructing of Mr. Fytch Nedham in the art of Clockworke'. It is resolved that the *Hannibal* shall be sent to Bantam, the new ship building by Captain Bendal to the Coast, and the *Ann* to the Coast and Bantam. Examination and report to be made of the petition of John Scranton. (1¾ *pp.*)

AN ACCOUNT OF THE VALUE OF SHIPS' CARGOES, SEPTEMBER 20, 1671 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvA, p. 95).

Of the three ships bound for Bantam, Tywan, Tong-King, and Japan, viz. the *Experiment*, *Return*, and *Zant Frigate*, the total value of their cargoes amounts to 27,132*l.* 15*s.* 4*d.* Of the five for the Coast and Bay, viz. the *Berkeley Castle*, *Johanna*, *Loyal Subject*, *Rebecca*, and *Ann*, the total value of their cargoes is 161,214*l.* 19*s.* 9*d.* Of the five for Bantam, viz. the *Surat Merchant*, *Expectation*, *Mary*, *Hannibal*, and *Barnardiston*, the total value of their cargoes is 29,588*l.* 7*s.* 9*d.*, and of the four for Surat, viz. the *Golden Fleece*, *Loyal Merchant*, *Rainbow*, and *Mediterranean*, the total value of their cargoes amounts to 84,409*l.* 5*s.* 3*d.*, in all to 302,345*l.* 8*s.* 1*d.* (½ *p.*)

COMMODITIES TO BE SHIPPED FOR THE COAST AND BAY, 1671 (*Ibid.*, p. 96).

In the *Loyal Subject*: lead, brimstone, iron ordnance, broadcloth, fine cloth, cloth rashes, shalloones, Brewer's scarlets, sword-blades, and bullion, to the value of 29,250*l.* In the *Berkeley Castle*: lead, copper, alum, broadcloth, fine cloth, shalloones, Brewer's scarlets, coral, and bullion to the value of 32,500*l.* In the *Johanna*: lead, copper, alum, guns, broadcloth, fine cloth, cloth rashes, sword-blades, and bullion to the value of 32,500*l.* In the *Rebecca*: lead, brimstone, broadcloth, fine cloth, cloth rashes, and bullion to the value of 16,250*l.* In the *Ann*: lead, broadcloth, fine cloth, cloth rashes, coral, and bullion to the value of

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19,500*l.* Bullion in the *Berkeley Castle* and *Ann* to be in gold; in the other three ships in silver, 'as neare as may bee with convenience'. The silver to be sent in bars and pieces of eight rather than cruzadoes. (1¼ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, SEPTEMBER 22, 1671 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii p. 348).

A paper from William Thomson, late chaplain at the Fort, asking to be allowed for some expenses incurred 'upon extraordinary occasions' during his ministry there, is referred to the Committee for the Coast and Bay, and two of the Committees are desired to give in a statement of the salary and gratuity due to him to the time of his return. A small box of pearl returned in the *Rainbow* to be delivered to Isaac Foxcroft, and the fine on it put to the account of his father, Agent Foxcroft. Two bales of calicoes to be delivered to the Warden and assistants of Trinity House, and the fines on them placed to the account of Streinsham Master by whom they were sent. The account of Moses Davies to be examined. Resolved that in future the allowance per ton for freighted ships in the Company's service shall not exceed 18*l.* per ton for gruff goods and 21*l.* per ton for fine goods. The petition of Edmund Bugdon is referred to the Committee for Private Trade. Captain Limbry is given 21*l.* for his good services against Sivāji. Gerald Loyd and James Bonnell offer to build a three-decked ship for the Company's service to be ready by November, 1673, Bonnell to command her; they are told that if the said ship does not exceed 500 tons burden she shall be employed in her turn, with the same encouragement as is given to other vessels, provided the Company have need of more ships than are already entertained. Payment of 42*l.* 19*s.* 1*d.* to be made to William Thomson in accordance with a report now approved. (1½ *pp.*)

A COMMITTEE FOR BUYING GOODS, SEPTEMBER 25, 1671 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvA, p. 92).

The following commodities to be provided and sent to Surat, the Coast of Coromandel, the Bay of Bengal, and Bantam, by this year's shipping, viz.: Bowdie and Brewer's scarlets and full May greens, broadcloths, red and green cloth rashes, red and green perpetuanoes, elephants teeth (ivory), alum, Grezio coral, lead, tin, amber, copper, iron guns and anchors, fine red and green shalloones, small cordage, hawsers, pitch, tar, all sorts of nails for shipping, muskets and ordnance.

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One hundred barrels of gunpowder for Bombay, forty soldiers and ten seamen. For presents: gold and silver lace, looking glasses, sword-blades, knives, scissors, tweezers, spectacles, magnifying and multiplying glasses. The value of the said goods is: those for Surat, 50,950*l.*, for Fort St. George, 12,340*l.*, for the Bay of Bengal, 12,000*l.*, for Bantam, 2,500*l.*, in all a total of 77,790*l.* (2½ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, SEPTEMBER 27, 1671 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 349).

William Thomson, late chaplain at Fort St. George, to be paid 50*l.* in accordance with a report now read. Charles Thorold is desired to continue paying the monthly allowance to Mrs. Backer, and the Court will repay him. Benjamin Sangar is elected a factor for Japan at 25*l.* a year, and Gabriel Sangar of Brentford, clerk, and Francis Mead, distiller, of Battersea, are accepted as his securities in 1,000*l.* Morees to be delivered free to Cary Ward, they being for himself and several relations. One-third of the salary due to John March, a factor in the Bay, to be given to his mother, Elizabeth Warren, she having a letter of attorney from him to receive it; she is also to have delivered free a number of calicoes and other goods sent by her said son for herself and several relations. Information received concerning the private trade of some persons, and of Captain Goodlad in his last voyage to the Indies, is referred to the Committee for Private Trade. The owners of the *Hannibal* to be paid 2,000*l.* on account of her freight and demurrage. William Sadler, recommended by Mr. Priestwood, is entertained as one of the Company's clothdrawers. Musk, belonging to the late Henry Pearl, to be delivered to Thomas Pearl, he undertaking to let his adventure in the present Joint Stock be held as security for what shall be found due to the Company from Henry Pearle to the value of 600*l.* George Hamond to be paid for 'glasiers work done in this house'. Examination and report to be made of some taffetas alleged by Mr. Bathurst to be rotten and defective. Payment to be made to John House, mariner. Captain Prowd to cause a survey to be taken of the *Ann.* (1½ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, SEPTEMBER 29, 1671 (*Ibid.*, p. 351).

Certain Committees are desired to ascertain and report on the qualifications and abilities of Thomas Whitehead, who is recommended as a chaplain for the Company's service. The Committee for Lawsuits

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to meet every week, on Wednesday afternoon, to consider the debts owing to the Company and how best to get them in. An account of the salary and gratuity due to Walter Hooke to be made out. The chirurgeon of the *Coast Frigate* to be paid 45*s.* for his care of nine passengers who went out in that vessel for account of the Company. Painters and carpenters bills for work done in the Company's house to be examined. The petition of Francis Nelthorpe is referred to certain of the Committees, and others are desired to examine the account of Henry Anderson. Thomas Dethick is admitted to the freedom gratis. The Committee for the Treasury to deliver to the executors of Sir John Lewis some rubies that came from Surat, 'fowl stones of litle or noe value', formerly sent to Surat and now returned. (1½ *pp.*)

A COMMITTEE FOR BUYING GOODS, OCTOBER, 1671 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvA, p. 97).

Mem.: Sir William Thomson has agreed with Alderman Moore for 1,800 or 2,000 great pigs of lead, two-thirds Derbyshire, and one-third Yorkshire, the latter in small pigs; all at 13*l.* the fother. (¼ *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, OCTOBER 4, 1671 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 352).

The Committee for Buying Goods to employ Robert Whitehorne, recommended by Mr. Bromfeld, to help draw the Company's cloth. The Committee for Private Trade to prepare their report this afternoon concerning charges brought against Captain Goodlad and others with regard to private trade. Upon consideration of the tonnage of shipping mentioned in the order of Court of August 2 last, which amounted to 6,090 tons for the Coast and Bay, Surat, Bantam, and the South Seas, it is resolved that no more vessels shall be entertained for this next winter's expedition. Certain Committees to examine and report on the petition of Francis Chuseman, and the orders of Court made concerning particulars mentioned in it. Captain Goodlad to be given a copy of the charge brought against him. Payment to be made to Caleb Hooke. (1½ *pp.*)

THE COMPANY TO CAPTAIN LYMBREY, OCTOBER 4, 1671 (*Letter Book*, vol. iv, p. 491).

In the late Treaty Marine concluded at the Hague between England and Holland, September 7, 1667 (a copy of which has been delivered to

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him), it is required by the 8th article that all ships shall have certificates according to the form set down at the end of the treaty. And though this has not yet been done, having been found impracticable, yet considering the importance of their affairs in this present expedition to Japan, for avoiding all inconveniences that may happen, they have procured from His Royal Highness, the Lord High Admiral, three certificates conformable to the said treaty, one for each of the ships under Lymbrey's command, and he and the other two commanders are to make oath of the 'propriety' of their ships before some of the Officers of the Admiralty at Dover, that the said ships belong to some of his Majesty's subjects of England, an act whereof is to be put at the bottom of the said certificate according to the prescribed form. Have sent on board the *Return* a box of coral beads to be delivered to the Agent and Council at Bantam. *Mem. This letter was carried by William Saxby and came too late.* (½ *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, OCTOBER 6, 1671 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 354).

Musk belonging to the late Henry Pearle to be delivered to Thomas Pearle. The commanders of the Coast and Bay ships to attend next Wednesday's court. A survey taken of work to be done in the *Rebecca* is approved. Calicoes sent home by John Bridger, a factor, to be delivered free to Edmund Harrison, they being for the use of himself and sundry relations. The Committee for Writing Letters to prepare one to be sent to the Agent and Council at the Fort and one to the Chief and Council in the Bay. Francis Chuseman to be allowed for the passage in the *Rainbow* of his wife and children, and only to be charged the usual freight for some unprohibited goods brought back in that ship for his account. According to the award made by the arbitrators, Thomas Gould is to pay the Company 10*l.* in full of all demands. On petition, Sarah Hyet, whose husband was second mate in the *Coast Frigate* and died in the Company's service, is to receive free of fine some allejas returned in that ship. Richard Hillyard to be paid 10*l.* 7*s.* 10*d.* for the use of John Loveland, a prisoner in Ceylon. Thomas Deth to be admitted to the freedom gratis. (1½ *pp.*)

A COMMITTEE FOR BUYING GOODS, OCTOBER 6, 1671 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvA, p. 94).

Resolved to send to the Bay for sale several sorts of guns to the value

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of 600*l.* and sword-blades to the value of 400*l.*, these to be provided by the Shipping Committee. (¼ *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, OCTOBER 11, 1671 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 355).

William Saxby to be paid 5*l.* 6*s.* for expenses of a journey from London to Deal and back in the Company's service. Damaged calicoes belonging to the late Robert Day, carpenter in the *Berkeley Castle*, to be delivered to his executor. The Committee for Lawsuits to consider the form of the bill given by the Company for taking up money at interest, and report what alterations they think should be made in it. Committees, who have not signed the declaration [now read] not to intercede on behalf of any one for remission of fines on calicoes or pepper, are desired to do so at once; the said declaration to be read in open court once a quarter. The Committees for Surat, the Coast, and Bay, Bantam, and the South Sea Factories to consider and report whether it is necessary to send out any factors to those places this year, and if so, how many. John Bathurst to be allowed 90*l.* for damaged taffetas bought at the last sale. The Committees for Sambrooke's warehouse to decide whether one or more fit persons should be 'entertained and bred up' in that warehouse so as to be able to assist there on all occasions. William Wood and other owners of vessels serving the Company asking that the freight allowed may not be lessened, it is put to the ballot whether the Court's resolution of September 22 last should be adhered to, and the answer is in the negative. Mr. Andrews moving for an abatement of 10*s.* only on the ton of the freight allowed last year, his request is granted. The account of the late Abraham Allington to be examined. William Pywall, chirurgeon in the *Hannibal*, to be paid 3*l.* for care of twelve passengers who went in that ship for the Company's account, and Thomas Lucas 32*l.* for the transportation of four persons who went out in the *Zant Frigate*. (1¾ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, OCTOBER 13, 1671 (*Ibid.*, p. 357).

The account of Robert Deering to be examined. The report of the arbitrators in the difference between the Company and Messrs. Thomlinson and Stanyan is approved. Benzoin bought by Mr. Woolley, who complains that it has been 'false packed', to be examined. The Treasury Committee to cause the treasure already provided to be packed in readiness for the ships designed for the Coast and Bay.

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Captain Arnold Brown inquires whether Captain Richard Goodlad may go as commander in the *Loyal Subject*, and is told that if the owners are willing the said vessel should alter her voyage for Bantam he may do so. The several Committees report their opinions that eight writers should be chosen to go to the Coast and Bay, eight to Bantam, one chaplain and two writers to Surat, and two chaplains to Bombay. Petitions for entertainment to be received next Wednesday. Anthony Earning to be repaid permission money on a parcel of musk found to be bad. The account of Steven Charleton to be examined. Thomas Deth is admitted to the freedom gratis. The chirurgeon in the *Mediterranean* to be paid 35*s.* for his care of seven passengers in that ship. An answer to be written to the letter received from Sir Edward Spragge. (1½ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, OCTOBER 18, 1671 (*Ibid.*, p. 359):

Captain William Goodlad, presented by Captain Arnold Brown as a fit commander for the *Loyal Subject* in her intended voyage to the Indies, is approved. It is resolved to send this year in the ships bound for the Coast and Bay goods and treasure to the value of between 150,000*l.* and 155,000*l.* Jonas Colliar, presented by Captain Hill as commander for the *Hannibal*, is approved. On the petition of William Saxby the Court consent to his 'dismission' from the Company's service and order given for his salary to be paid up to date. On a report of 'the abilities and good conversation' of Thomas Whitehead, he is elected a chaplain in the Company's service. Anthony Beale to be paid 20*l.* for helping Captain Prowd survey ships and other employments, up to Michaelmas last. The owners of the *Berkeley Castle* to be paid 2,000*l.* on account of freight. The petition of the owners of the *American* is referred to the Shipping Committee. Several petitions from persons desirous of employment are read, and the Court resolve to elect next Tuesday afternoon those to be sent to the several factories in India, and not to receive any more petitions for employment this year. (1¼ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, OCTOBER 20, 1671 (*Ibid.*, p. 360).

James Mariner, late chief mate in the *Rebecca*, is granted remission of freight on certain piece-goods, the proceeds of which he invested in tea, which proved to be bad and so caused him great loss. Munn Brown is admitted to the freedom by patrimony. A paper from Sir Gervase Elwes and Jeremy Elwes on behalf of their brother Robert Elwes,

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a factor in the Bay, is read and referred to the consideration of the Committee for the Coast and Bay, who are also desired to consider the petition [now read] from Edmund Bugdon and report whether in their opinion he may be useful at the Bay, and whether it is necessary to send a silk-throwster to Hūgli, and to interview Mr. Mellet, who is anxious to serve in that capacity. Jeremy Elwes to be permitted to send out free 500 dollars for the use of his brother. The account of the late Charles Smeaton to be examined. Christopher Thomlinson to be notified to attend the Court next Wednesday. A clause to be inserted in the general letter to the Agent and Council at Fort St. George desiring them to dispeed the *Berkeley Castle* direct to England. The owners of the *Johanna* to be paid imprest money, and her commander primage and average due to him. (1½ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, OCTOBER 24, 1671 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 362).

The Court take into consideration the several persons who petitioned for employment, resolve at present not to entertain any above twenty-one years of age and proceed to elect these by ballot. The following are chosen to serve as writers in India: Mark Lawrence, Elihu Yale, Joseph Gape, Vincent Sayon, Francis Ellis, Richard Trenchfield, Henry Croon Colborn, Robert Crawley, Robert Lewellin, James Woolhouse, Thomas Ivatt, Robert Smith, Thomas Angeir, Thomas Sprigg, Thomas Tilley, William Stanlake, Joseph Lod, Samuel Wales, Richard Blackborn, and Stephen Guillym. The petitions of those above twenty-one years of age to be referred to the Committee for Accounts, to consider which are fittest to be employed in the Accountant's Office, also any other persons proposed; what salary to allow them, and the salaries of those already employed. It is further resolved to take into consideration the appointment of some [two in the margin] fit persons, to be sent to the Coast and Bay and Surat, well versed in calicoes and able to assist in sorting cloth, and thus prevent any prejudice which may happen to the Company. (1 *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, OCTOBER 25, 1671 (*Ibid*, p. 363).

Thomas Whitehead is entertained as chaplain in the Bay at a salary of 50*l.* a year, with an annual gratuity of 30*l.* 'as he shall be found to deserve', and given 20*l.* for necessaries and fresh provisions for the voyage. The owners of the *Constantinople Merchant* to be allowed 80*l.*

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for the hire of iron guns they took out to Jambi. Letters and papers delivered up in court by Shem Bridges are referred to the consideration of the Coast and Bay Committee. The Chief and Council at the Bay to have liberty to take up 10,000*l.* for the Company's service, and draw bills of exchange for it, but not to exceed 2*s.* 6*d.* the rupee. The Shipping Committee to agree with the owners of the *Rebecca* about her going into the Ganges, and make them an additional allowance of freight not exceeding 20*s.* the ton. A warrant to be made out to the late Farmers of the Customs for payment for the Company's goods returned last year, also for an additional 4,000*l.* on account of custom due for the current year. A letter written by Mr. Keeble touching the mint at Fort St. George is referred to the Coast and Bay Committee. Resolved that Edward Herrys be made one of the Council at Fort St. George. (1½ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, OCTOBER 25, 1671 [AFTERNOON] (*Ibid.*, p. 364).

Certain Committees are desired to speak with Mr. Sheldon concerning the 'usefullnes' of a silk throwster for the Bay. Robert Elwes to be Second at Pattana and succeed as Chief when Mr. Charnock comes away. Consideration with regard to Edmund Bugdon is deferred. Captain Prowd to provide a set of maps and sea charts for the Fort like those bought for Masulipatam when Mohun went out. Three 'chyrurgery chests of medicaments' to be provided for the Fort, Masulipatam, and the Bay, according to the list sent from the Fort, one of these to be prepared by Surgeon Boone. The annual salaries of the following persons to be increased, viz. Francis Langton's to 30*l.*, William Bagnall's to 30*l.*, John Crandon's to 40*l.*, Job Charnock's to 40*l.* provided he gives security, Thomas Butler's to 50*l.*, and Samuel South's to 40*l.* Matthew Barker, minister, being an adventurer in this present Joint Stock, is allowed remission of 5*l.* due from him. Twenty soldiers to be sent to Fort St. George in the ships bound for the Coast, the Shipping Committee to see to their entertainment. John Hooper and Thomas Ashby are entertained as clerks in the Accountant's office each at an annual salary of 30*l.* (1½ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, OCTOBER 27, 1671 (*Ibid.*, p. 366).

Timothy Cartwright's account to be examined. The Committee for the Treasury to affix the Company's seal to two counterparts of the lease granted the Company of the Exchange vaults, and keep the original

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lease [now delivered to Mr. Boon] in the Treasury. Two persons 'well skilled in calicoes' to be chosen here to serve as assistants to the warehousekeepers at the Fort and Masulipatam. By desire of Sir Richard Ford, Margaret Stoakes is to be permitted to go in one of the Company's ships to Fort St. George, she to pay her own passage. The petition of John Walters, hoyman, who was employed to carry goods into the Downs, is referred to the Husband, who is to allow him reasonable freight. (1 *p.*)

TREASURY MINUTE, OCTOBER 31, 1671 (*Public Record Office: Out Letters General* III, p. 8).

Write to Mr. Pepys that the report to be received about the East India business [viz. as to the freight of the King's ships, the *Leopard*, etc., as let to the East India Company] may be ready on Thursday morning next, at which time the Attorney-General has appointed Sir John Banks to be with him. Mr. Pepys is not to fail to meet them.

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, NOVEMBER 1, 1671 (*Court Book*, vol. XXVII, p. 367).

Calicoes sent home by Mr. Mohun 'to several friends for tokens' to be examined by the Committee for Private Trade and then delivered to Mrs. Mohun; order concerning the fines to be given later. On information that there are two ships at Stockholm being prepared to go to the East Indies, order is given for Mr. Sowton to be written to and instructed to ascertain all particulars concerning these vessels, their names, masters, destination, time of departure, etc., what Englishmen or others are interested in them, and send word by return. Upon petition, Anna Travehand, whose husband was chief mate in the *Rainbow* and died at Balasore in that ship's last voyage to the Bay, is allowed remission of fine on some calicoes. The Committee for Dutch Affairs to meet to-morrow afternoon to consider what has now been debated in court. Certain of the Committees to examine the ground at the Stillyard. Mr. Rallinson to be allowed to send out Canary, Rhenish, and French wines for the use of Sir William Langhorne. On report that Edmund Bugdon, lately returned from the Bay, 'hath the language of the countrey, and knowledge in navigation', and is fit to serve the Company in the Bay 'on shipbord and on shore', he is elected at an annual salary of 30*l.*, and order given for the Agent and Council at the Bay to be written to and told to admit him as one of Council, to take his place in due course. The

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following men are entertained as writers for India: William Sclater, recommended by Lord Berkeley and Alderman Backwell; John Petit, recommended by Sir John Banks; James Harding, recommended by Messrs. Jollife and Albyn; and Samuel Smyth, recommended by Sir Francis Clarke and Mr. Paige. Laurence Saucer is entertained as assistant to the warehousekeeper at Fort St. George at 30*l.* a year, and Maurice Wyn as assistant to the warehousekeeper at Masulipatam at 20*l.* a year, neither of them to be of Council nor to take precedence of any of the factors already there. Payment to be made to the assigns of Timothy Cartwright, the owners of the *Greyhound*, and to Benjamin Ducane. (2 *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, NOVEMBER 3, 1671 (*Ibid.*, p. 369).

Thomas Breton speaks on behalf of John Fleetwood, who has been suspended for some time from employment at Masulipatam upon some misapprehension; the Court, after reading a clause in the general letter from that place, in which the Agent and Council there speak well of Fleetwood, his behaviour, experience, industry, and ability to serve the Company, cancel the said suspension, readmit Fleetwood to their service, and give order for his salary to be increased to 35*l.* per annum, and if he has been employed for them since being at the Fort, order his former salary of 20*l.* per annum to be paid for that time, and that the Agent and Council at Masulipatam be written to and instructed to place Fleetwood according to his deserts. The commanders of the Coast ships to be notified to attend next Wednesday's court. A memorial from Captain Robert Fisher is read, and the Court agree to accept the adjustment made at Surat for damage done to some of their goods, and to remit one quarter of the fine on some cloth and serges which were shipped though not exported, but they expressly declare that in future no part of the fine due on any prohibited goods shall be abated if once they are shipped. Payment to be made to the owners of the *Mediterranean Merchant* on account of freight, and to Peter Herald for candles. Thomas Tilly of Ewell, gentleman, and John Langworth, merchant-taylor of London, are accepted as security in 500*l.* for Thomas Tilly, Junior. Sir John Banks reports what he has done with regard to the proceedings about the freight of the *Leopard* now depending before the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, and is desired to finish the business in such a way as may be most advantageous to the Company. The Deputy and any one of the Committees for Dutch Affairs to confer

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with Secretary Trevour about certain transactions that have lately taken place with reference to the Treaty Marine, in accordance with a debate now had on the subject. Thomas Wynn's account to be examined. (1½ *pp.*)

THE COMPANY TO SOWTON [AT STOCKHOLM], NOVEMBER 3, 1671 (*Letter Book*, vol. iv, p. 492).

Have received advice that there are two ships at Stockholm preparing to be sent to the East Indies, desire Sowton to ascertain the names of the said ships and of their commanders, their burden, the number of men and guns, and what cargo they carry, to what places they are designed, the time they may be ready to sail, and what Englishmen or others are interested in them, with anything else he can gather as to their proceedings, and send a full and particular account of all this by the first opportunity. (½ *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, NOVEMBER 8, 1671 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 371).

The following securities are approved: John Smyth of Bideford and Thomas Alcock of London, factor, in 500*l.* for Samuel Smyth, writer. Robert Peacock and Thomas Angeir, haberdashers of London, in 500*l.* for Thomas Angeir, Junior, writer. Robert Smyth, gentleman of High Holborn, and Samuel Bikor, grocer of London, in 500*l.* for Robert Smyth, Junior. William Gape, apothecary of Covent Garden, and William Gape, gentleman, of the Middle Temple, London, in 500*l.* for John Gape, writer. Nicholas Colborne, vintner of London, and Sir John Robinson, Bart. in 500*l.* for Henry Croon Colborne, writer. The accounts of the late Mr. Wilson, minister, Mr. Travers, and the late Steven Charleton to be examined. The owners of the *Rebecca* to be paid on account of freight. Medicines to the value of 10*l.* to be prepared by Dr. Butler and sent with the chirurgeons' chests, half to Bombay and half to the Coast, the surgeons to have particular directions how and in what cases to use them. In accordance with the Court's order Captain Prowd is to notify all commanders that only British subjects are to be entertained in the Company's ships. John Squier, entertained to serve as a soldier at Fort St. George, to be allowed to take his wife out with him at the Company's expense. The owners of the *Rainbow* to deliver free to Mr. Harris some calicoes sent from the Fort by his brother as a token. Thomas Papillon to be permitted to ship out three tuns of brandy in the

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Loyal Subject and the *Johanna*. Thomas Sprigg, Junior, is entertained to serve as a factor in the Bay at 25*l.* a year. The four writers lately elected to be disposed of as follows: William Sclater for Bantam, John Petit for Surat, Samuel Smyth for the Coast, and James Harding for the Bay. All debtors mentioned in a list now given in to be summoned to attend the Committee for Lawsuits. The Court, on reading a report from the said Committee, desire two of their number to speak with the Royal Company about the debt of 610*l.* 5*s.* 3*d.* due from them to this Stock. Henry Robinson to be paid 50*l.* for translating Dutch books; and the 5*l.* charged to the account of Mr. Jollife for calicoes he sold for the Company to be placed to the account of charges general. Moses to sue Messrs. Davies and Scattergood for money owing by them to the Company. The accounts of Laurence Saucer and Matthew Andrews to be drawn up and presented to the Court. The Committee for the Pepper Warehouse to draw up and present Charles Aston's account of stores. (2½ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, NOVEMBER 10, 1671 (*Ibid.*, p. 373).

Certain calicoes sent by Mr. Mohun to his wife to be shown to the Company, so that if they approve of them they may give order for some on their own account; also some other small things, not for sale but for the use of Mohun's family and for presents, are allowed to be delivered free of fine, but the Court direct that Mohun be written to and told not to send any more calicoes or musters unless he has the Company's orders. William Jones to be permitted to send several things, mentioned in a list now given in, to his brother Thomas Jones, a factor. No fine to be charged on two woollen cloths used by Captain Horseman for the quarter deck and boats of the *Constantinople Merchant*. Payments to be made to the accounts of the late Thomas Wilson and the late Steven Charlton, in accordance with two reports now read. Tincal and silk belonging to Job Charnock to be delivered to Daniel Sheldon, and Charnock to be written to and told that 'in case he continue in the Company's service, as they have had respect to him in the increase of his salary to 40*l.* per annum, so they will farther consider him as to his past services'. Calicoes brought home in the *Berkeley Castle* to be delivered free of fine to the Master and Wardens of Trinity House, and calicoes and some other small things returned in the *Rainbow* to be delivered, also free of fine, to Matthew Gibbon; and some white bafts returned in the *Experiment* to be delivered free to Mary Saunders. The owners of the *John and*

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Margaret and Mr. Justice to be summoned to attend the court next Wednesday, the latter about the money owing by the late Mr. Shingler. The following securities are approved: Sir James Edwards of London and Henry Crispe of the Middle Temple in 500*l.* for Francis Ellis, writer. Michael Davison of London in 200*l.*, Daniel Pointel, clerk of Chislehurst in 200*l.*, and Caleb Trenchfield a London merchant in 100*l.* for Richard Trenchfield, writer. Hercules Bridson, silk-dyer and Michael Harding both of London in 500*l.* for James Harding, writer. John Impey, oilman of London and William James, drover of Carlisle, in 500*l.* for Samuel Wales, writer. Maurice Wynn, Esq., of St. Martins in the Fields, and John Wase, linendraper of London, in 1,000*l.* for Maurice Wynn, Junior, factor. The Committee for Lawsuits to take a bond from Laurence Saucer for payment of his debt to the Company in twelve months' time. Sambrooke to deliver to those Committees who desire them the three Japan gowns at 3*l.* apiece now in his custody, also some fine bafts at the same price the last were sold. Mr. Bugdon to be allowed to take his wife with him to the Bay on paying her passage. (2 *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, NOVEMBER 15, 1671 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 375).

Order to be sent to the Bay that for all money belonging to the estate of the late Thomas Styles, paid into the Company's cash by Mr. Vincent or Mr. March, bills of exchange are to be drawn by the Agent and Council on the Company, payable to Mary Styles, administratrix, with the will annexed of the goods and chattels of the said Thomas Styles at 5*s.* the dollar. The following securities are approved: David Yale of Newhall, Denbighshire, and David Yale, Junior [his son and heir] in 500*l.* for Elihu Yale, writer. Edmund Bugdon, distiller of London, and Daniel Sheldon, merchant, in 500*l.* and Henry Powell, merchant in 500*l.* for Edmund Bugdon, factor. Richard Llewellin, of St. Martins in the Fields gentleman, and Colonel Edward Grosvenor in 500*l.* for Robert Llewellin, writer. Messrs. Legay and Wood, owners of the *John and Margaret*, undertake within six days to order payment of the one month's wages in six due to the relations of the mariners in the said ship; and request payment of the 30*l.* due to Captain Lord for powder taken in that vessel in a former voyage for delivery to the Agent and Council at Bantam, of which no advice of receipt has come; they are told that if they will give bond to pay the Company 60*l.* on May 15, 1673, if by then they cannot prove that the said powder was duly delivered,

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a warrant shall be made out to them for payment of the 30*l.* Dunkin to receive money tendered by way of loan to the Company, but not above 10,000*l.* The account of the late William Turner to be reported. William Warren and Richard Steele to be allowed to send certain goods to the Coast and Bay for account of Messrs. March and Bugdon. The dispute between the Company, Thomas Wilson, and Sir William Hooker, touching pepper bought by Wilson from the Company and resold at the candle to Sir William, is by mutual consent referred to arbitration. Mr. James to be paid the dividend of ten per cent due to him. The owners of the *Berkeley Castle* to be paid 1,935*l.* 12*s.* 11*d.* (2 *pp.*)

A COMMITTEE FOR BUYING GOODS, NOVEMBER 15, 1671 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvA, p. 97).

Two parcels of elephants teeth bought of Alderman Pigott, the one at 6*l.* 10*s.* the cwt. the other at 7*l.* 5*s.* the cwt. (⅛ *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, NOVEMBER 17, 1671 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 377).

Thomas and Francis Sprigg, London merchants, are accepted as security in 1,000*l.* for Thomas Sprigg, Junior, factor; and Thomas Murthwait, haberdasher, and William Bearblock, mercer, both of London, as security in 500*l.* for Thomas Ivatt, writer. Peter Vinck, minister, to be allowed the 5*l.* due from him for his adventure in the General Joint Stock. Permission to ship out several provisions, particulars of which are now read, is given to Messrs. Herne, Canham, Breton, Sheldon, Crandon, Dawes, Andrews, Smyth, Squire, and Foley. A representation from John Stanyan is read, in which he desires some allowance for the youth he employed for eighteen months when he served the Company, and for attending to Skinner's business for one month; the Court allow him 20*l.* in full of all demands, and direct him to pay in the balance of his account, when his bond shall be given up. Certain Committees to speak with the Commissioners of Assessments, and endeavour to get taken off the 4*l.* 6*s.* demanded from the Company for a month's trophy-money. The request of Mrs. Cony touching her husband's salary is referred. A representation concerning the estate of the late John Stanford, who died at the Coast of Coromandel, is to be sent to the Agent and Council at Fort St. George, who are to examine the facts and try to recover what legally belonged to Stanford. The letter from the trustees of the late Duchess Dudley touching Mr. Cony,

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a captive in Algiers, to be considered when the Court are empowered to dispose of the legacies left by the said Duchess for redemption of captives. Laurence Saucer stating that his debt to the Company has been largely increased by losses on goods bought and resold, and by interest charged upon it, which he is unable to pay: the Court agree to remit the interest, upon Saucer giving bond to pay the remainder of the debt in two instalments, one half in November, 1672, the other in the November following. (1½ *pp.*)

A COMMITTEE FOR BUYING GOODS, NOVEMBER 20, 1671 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvA, p. 97).

Bought of Benjamin Scrivener two parcels of elephants teeth, the large at 7*l.* 10*s.* the cwt., the small at 6*l.* 10*s.* the cwt., out of which the Company may lay aside 200 of the small teeth, provided they do not weigh 7 lb. a tooth. (½ *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, NOVEMBER 22, 1671 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 379).

Sir Charles Lloyd, Bart. and Gabriel Whitly, London merchant, are accepted as part security each in 300*l.* for Samuel Foot. Permission to ship out the several goods mentioned in lists now read is given to Messrs. Bugdon, Hynmers, Evance, Smyth, Ellis, Bridges, Chuseman, Durley, and Captain Fisher. The request of Thomas Whitehead, that his first year's salary of 50*l.* may be paid in London for the maintenance of some of his relations, to whomsoever he shall authorize to receive it, is consented to. Calicoes that Mr. Abney alleges are not the same sort as he bought of the Company to be examined. Upon petition, Mary March, whose husband is a prisoner in Ceylon, is to have delivered free certain piece-goods returned in the *Rainbow*. Sir Edward Deering is admitted to the freedom gratis, he having formerly paid 5*l.* for his adventure in the name of another. Silks bought by Mr. Powel at the last sale, most of which he alleges are spoilt by ink, to be examined. Those writers already entertained to be paid the whole salary of 10*l.* per annum at the several factories to which they have been appointed, to encourage and enable them to provide themselves with clothes and other necessaries, and any part of the said salaries now in arrear is to be paid up to all in the Company's service, a clause to this effect to be inserted in the general letters to the Fort, Surat, and Bantam. Nathaniel Letton, merchant, and Judith Sayon, widow, both of London,

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are accepted as security in 500*l.* for Vincent Sayon, writer; and Simon Lewis, linendraper, is accepted as security in 500*l.*, John Cresner, grocer, in 200*l.*, and James Jobson, gentleman, in 300*l.*, for Lawrence Saucer, factor. William Blake to be allowed to send out three blacks in the *Loyal Subject* and *Rebecca*, paying for their passage. The Committee for Private Trade to examine and report on certain information received concerning Mr. Prescot supplying the Company's shipping with brandy and other commodities. Upon the desire of Captain Arnold Browne, lately in command of the *Loyal Subject*, order is given for remission of one quarter of the fine due on cloth, taken out in that ship in her last voyage, to those of her company owning the same, and who have behaved well during the voyage, also the fine on some Lahore indigo is to be remitted to the officers and men in the *Loyal Subject* and in the *Berkeley Castle*. On learning that many broad bafts returned in the *Loyal Subject* were damaged by water when in the lighter that brought them ashore, the Court order that, before Mr. Mortimer and his partner are paid for landing the Company's goods, they are to give bond to make good any damage the Company shall sustain at the sale of the said goods. (*2 pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, NOVEMBER 24, 1671 (*Ibid.*, p. 381).

Permission to ship out certain goods to the Coast and Bay is given to Messrs. Peacock, Conset, Lang, Pitt, Cooke, Wynn, Bugdon, Smyth, and to Mrs. Manwaring. A load of charcoal to be sent to the Fort. Amariah Wood to be allowed to go in one of the Company's ships to Fort St. George to join her husband, who is a soldier there. The smith's bill for work done for the Company to be examined. Captain John Pool to be refunded the fine he paid on white pepper. A warrant to be made out for payment of money due to George Urial, a sailor at Bantam, and given to Edward Fletcher, who has an authorization from Urial to receive it, Fletcher to give his bond to save the Company harmless from any further claim. Flora Cony, wife of the Governor of St. Helena, to be paid 20*l.*, part of her husband's salary. A just allowance to be made Mr. Abney on his calicoes and charged to the account of the Surat Factory. (1½ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, NOVEMBER 28, 1671 (*Ibid.*, p. 382).

Edward Herrys to be admitted to the Council at Fort St. George, and directions to be written to the Agent and Council there to sell

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the Company's House at Madapollam to the best advantage. A good character being received of Mr. Salusbury 'of his being reclaimed', he is to be readmitted to the Company's service and given such encouragement as he shall deserve. Christopher Hatton to be entertained at Masulipatam and given employment as the Agent and Council deem suitable, and the Company on being advised of this will settle his salary. Resolved that those factors at the Coast whose wives are with them shall be allowed 15 rupees a month for board wages, but not be allowed to lodge or eat at the Company's House; and those who are unmarried are to eat at the Company's table and not be allowed board wages. It is resolved to send 90,000*l.* to the Fort, 30,000*l.* to Masulipatam, and 40,000*l.* to the Bay. The Auditor to provide an iron cash chest to be sent to Masulipatam. Sir William Temple to be given 100*l.* in Guinea gold for his charges and disbursements at the Hague in the Company's business, the Deputy to deliver it to him. Resolved, that in case of the death of William Langhorne or the removal of Sambrooke, Richard Mohun, Chief at Masulipatam, shall be appointed Agent at the Fort, notwithstanding any former order to the contrary. (1 *p.*)

A COMMITTEE FOR BUYING GOODS, NOVEMBER 28, 1671 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvA, p. 97).

Sir William Thomson agrees with Alderman John Moore for the delivery in January next of 200 fother of Derbyshire lead at 13*l.* 5*s.* the fother. Moore to make the price according to the then market rate, and be paid 2,000*l.* on account. (¼ *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, NOVEMBER 29, 1671 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 383).

Richard Stanlake, gentleman, and George Dashwood, brewer, are accepted as security in 500*l.* for Richard Stanlake, Junior; and Andrew Crawley, stationer, John Cox, haberdasher, and Steven Symonds, mariner of Chatham, are accepted as security in 500*l.* for Robert Crawley, writer. The salary of John Hopkins, factor at Masulipatam, to be increased to 25*l.* a year. The Husband is directed to allow the stores to be laden aboard the outward-bound ships. Captain Fisher to be given 20*l.* for his services against Sivāji at Surat, and 20*l.* for the Indian birds he delivered to the Company. Mr. Clough to be given the bond he and Sir John Lewis entered into for his return from Bantam in the *Loyal Merchant*. No private conversation with the Com-

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mittees is to be allowed during the sitting of the Court. Good characters being received of John Wyat, Thomas Baily, and John Richards, they are elected to serve the Company, the Committee for Sambrook's Accounts to decide which of them is best qualified for employment in the Calico Warehouse. William Carter to be given a gratuity of 10*l.* for his care in preventing the exportation of wool, thus promoting the Company's trade in woollen manufactures for India. The owners of the *Ann* to be paid 8*l.* for a passenger taken in her last voyage. The accounts of Henry Gainpin, Thomas Street, and John Ramson to be examined and reported. The Committee for the Treasury to send the treasure aboard the ships. Permission to ship out goods is given to Captains Bendall and Mariners (*sic*), Messrs. Sutton, Scot, Bullivant, Marshall, Grace, Nurse, Rogers, Guillym, and Harding. (1½ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, DECEMBER 1, 1671 (*Ibid.*, p. 385).

Directions to be sent to the Agent and Council in the Bay to deliver to Agasada, a Persian merchant at Balasore, ten yards of fine scarlet cloth and ten yards of green cloth, as that sent to him in the *Merchant Adventure* in 1658 was not delivered, but disposed of for account of the Company at Vīravāsaram. Mr. Kempthorn to be paid 5*l.* for an Indian doe he brought back. Certain of the Committees to treat with the owners of the ground at the Stillyard about building some warehouses for the Company's use, and ascertain for how long and at what rent the same would be let. Mrs. Coleman to be allowed to go in one of the Coast ships for Masulipatam on paying her own passage. Complaints made against Captain Dawes are referred to the Committee for Private Trade. Permission to ship out certain goods and provisions is given to Captain William Goodlad, and several of his officers, Thomas Vincent, Richard Trenchfield, John Curtis, Thomas Tilly, James Smith, Matthew Gibbon, Daniel Sheldon, Thomas Whitehead, Richard Fisher, Francis Ansel, Michael Tailor, and Mrs. Stoaks. (1½ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, DECEMBER 6, 1671 (*Ibid.*, p. 386).

The time allowed to the arbitrators nominated by Sir William Hooker and Mr. Wilson to determine the matters referred to them is extended until the 20th instant. At the instance of Sir Thomas Chicheley, the Husband is directed to give in next Friday an account of the quantity of saltpetre unsold remaining in his custody. The

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Committee for the Coast and Bay to consider and report how permission due on all moneys exported for private accounts may best be secured and made good to the Company. Certain Committees to ascertain the true nature and value of the gun demanded by Agasada, the Persian merchant. George Papillon to pay the 25*s.* rated for paving the street in front of the Blue Warehouses, and put it to the Company's account. The Guinea Company to be paid for a parcel of elephants teeth (ivory) bought at their last sale, but as there are some small teeth in the parcel not fit to send to India, these are to be sold and larger bought in their stead. The price of copper to be ascertained. On petition, Richard Fisher and William Mason, officers in the *Berkeley Castle*, are given permission to export in the *Rainbow* 17 cwt. of 'gum lemin' bought at Surat of a Banyan, which is of no use here, and on certificate of its being shipped they to be repaid the overtonnage they paid for it. Mr. Van Almonde, Mr. Baron's correspondent in Holland, to be written to in accordance with the debate now had. The Company's charges against Mr. Blake to be examined, and he and George Papillon to be notified to attend next Friday's court. A duplicate account of all moneys paying permission here is to be sent to the Agent and Council at the Fort. The Committee for Private Trade report that Captain Dawes has acknowledged his error in the several particulars laid to his charge, and promised to conform to the Company's rules in future. Permission to ship out goods is given to Sir Robert Vyner, Messrs. Wilks, Webb, Hiller, Thomas Sprigg, Junior, Richard Scot, and Robert Crawley. (2 *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, DECEMBER 8, 1671 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 388).

Commissioners, to be appointed by the Earl of Craven, to be treated with about renewal of the lease of the house the Company rents from His Lordship. The executors of the late Sir John Lewis to be allowed to transfer 2,000*l.* of his adventure notwithstanding his security for Mr. Clough and others. The Court, noting the great quantity of wine, mum, and other liquors, and of goods laden as private trade in their ships for the Indies, order that from March 31 next a charge of 3*l.* per ton is to be made to freemen and of 6*l.* per ton to those who are not adventurers for permission and freight on all unprohibited goods so laden (except on those belonging to owners, masters, etc., being the five per cent allowed in charterparty, or what is granted to the Company's servants) this

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payment to be made before any such goods are shipped. John Stanyan on paying the balance of his account is to be given a discharge in full. Jane Mortar, whose husband died in the Company's service, is given 20*s.* from the poor-box. John Ogleby to be given 5*l.* for his book presented to the Company called 'The Description of America'. A bale of clouts to be delivered to Captain Richard Goodlad on payment of a fine of 30*l.* The owners of the *Loyal Subject* to be paid in full for her freight and demurrage. The Committee for Private Trade to consider how the Company may receive freight for goods laden in their ships for account of their factors and carried from port to port in the Indies, and how this can be made practicable by charterparty. A clause touching custom received on calicoes, which is to be inserted in the general letter to the Fort, is read and referred to certain Committees to consider and report what they think should be done in the matter. An answer to be sent to the Sir William Godolphin's letter to the Company. (1½ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, DECEMBER 13, 1671 (*Ibid.*, p. 390).

A letter to be written to Sir Edward Spragge in answer to one received from him. Sir Michael Heneage and William Lambert, apothecary, are accepted as security, each in 200*l.*, for Samuel Foote. At the instance of Captain Thomas Andrews, the Court consent to a survey being made, at the expense of the owners, of the ship now building at Woodbridge before she is sheathed, and of the vessel being built at Ipswich for Captain Cumberland. The Committee for Private Trade to ascertain in which ship Mr. Cheval intends going to India. Spice to be given to the Commissioners of Customs and to such officers as have usually received it, also to the Company's servants, the same as last year. Edith Harris is given 5*l.* for her care in selling a parcel of the Company's tea. Thomas Methold is admitted to the freedom by patrimony. (1 *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, DECEMBER 15, 1671 (*Ibid.*, p. 391)

Moses to appear for the Company at the suit of John Jones. Mr. White, one of the owners of the *Anne* (commanded by Captain Dawes), is told of the injury the Company may sustain by the breach of charterparty committed by the owners of the said ship in not having her ready at Gravesend by the given time; upon which he promises that every endeavour shall be made for her dispatch. Payment to be made of what is due to the late John Ramson, to those authorized to receive it. The

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late Farmers of the Customs to be paid 8,000*l.* for customs due on goods imported this year for the Company. Mrs. Bugdon to be allowed to go to India with her husband in the *Rebecca* at the Company's expense. Certain Committees to examine and report concerning the claim of Jacob Aboab to some calicoes bought by Mr. Flories at the last sale. Henry Croone Colborn, elected writer, to be sent to Masulipatam to serve under the Chief there for two years, and afterwards to be placed as the Agent and Council shall think fit, but not to take precedence of any who were there before him. Permission to export goods, mentioned in notes now read, is given to Messrs. Turney, Mill, Potter, Cooke, and Ansell. By the preamble read at the last sale it was declared that the Company sold their goods at six months from October 12 to April 12, and allowed two per cent for prompt payment on all cleared and taken away by December 12; but as several persons have paid up and received the said discount, and yet have not taken their goods away, the Court now declare that unless they do so by January 12 next, they must refund one-half of the said discount before receiving their goods; all warehouse-keepers to take note of this order. In the list of warrants appended, one is made out for payment of 1,134*l.* 7*s.* 9*d.* to Sir George Downing. (1½ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, DECEMBER 20, 1671 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 393).

Susannah Bayly, John Angevyn, 'glassman', and Thomas Baily of Sittingbourne, fellmonger, are accepted as security in 500*l.* for Thomas Baily, Junior, writer. The owners of the *Mediterranean* to be paid in full for freight. Calicoes to be delivered free of fine to Mr. Burley for the use of himself, his wife and children. Jane Amos, whose husband is a dyer in the Bay, to be given 10*l.* from his wages. Benjamin Shute to be allowed for some sovaguzzees he bought and paid for, but which are found to be missing. Certain Committees to report the gratuities to be given to the Custom-House officers, in the same proportion as last year. Mr. Prowse, solicitor of the Customs, to be given the same quantity of spice as the Secretary. Mr. Houblon to state what ingredients for dyeing silk should be sent to the Bay. The bills of Zachary Burrough and Anne Lee to be examined, also Mr. Aboab's claim to certain calicoes. The sum of 12*l.* to be distributed by Mr. Aston, on the advice of Captain Prowd, among the widows of seamen living about Poplar, who have served the Company. (1½ *pp.*)

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A COURT OF COMMITTEES, DECEMBER 22, 1671 (*Ibid.*, p. 394).

An agreement to be made with the Committees for Christ's Hospital for a small ground room adjoining the Company's warehouses in Leadenhall at a yearly rental of 8*l.* Mr. Fulford's debt and his proposal concerning it referred to certain Committees, who are to ascertain what composition he has made with his other creditors, and report what is fit to be done in the Company's behalf. The several warehousekeepers to notify those buyers who expect the benefit of the two per cent discount to clear their goods by January 12 next. Captain William Goodlad to be written to and told that unless he brings back with him Mr. Winter, who has entered as purser's mate in the *Loyal Subject*, the owners of that ship will have to pay 100*l.* according to covenants in charterparty. The purser in the *Berkeley Castle* to be allowed to ship free of fine 4½ cwt. of leaden shot, if none is made at the Coast and Bay, otherwise he will have to pay. Richard Blackborne, upholsterer, to be paid his bill. The churchwardens of the parish attending to receive 'their benevolence' upon a brief lately granted by the King, as the Court is using a house which otherwise would have been inhabited by some person of quality, it is decided to give them 5*l.* from the poor-box, 'not with respect to the Company's interest in this house, but as the sufferers by the late fire have had dealings and commerce with this Company.' Permission to export several goods is given to Messrs. Alford, Freeman, Mills, and Burley. (1½ *pp.*)

THE COMPANY TO SIR EDWARD SPRAGG, DECEMBER 22, 1671 (*Letter Book*, vol. iv, p. 513).

Acknowledge his letter of June 8, and thank him for his assurance that nothing shall be wanting on his part for recovery of the treasure taken out of the *Morning Star*. They will acquiesce in such endeavours as he shall use in this affair. The silver was divided, and some of the recipients are since dead, others ruined, so no great hopes can be entertained of its recovery, but the gold 'is in being' and therefore may be recovered. If his endeavours succeed they will gratefully acknowledge the same. *Delivered to Mr. Nathaniel Hearne for Conveyance.* (½ *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, DECEMBER 29, 1671 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 396).

The Secretary to draw up a draft of a protest against the owners of

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the *Anne* for damages caused and likely to be caused by her not sailing from Gravesend by November 20 last, in accordance with her charter-party. Commanders of the Bantam and Surat ships to be notified to attend next Wednesday's court. The value to be ascertained of some books, which belonged to the late W. Hooke, who died at Masulipatam; the books are mentioned in a catalogue now produced in court. The increase of salary granted last October to Thomas Butler and Samuel South, clerks in the Accountant's Office, to begin from September 29 last. A letter from M. Van Almond is referred for consideration. Ordered that 150 soldiers be entertained and sent to Bombay. Advices from Surat touching Captain Hill's good service against Sivāji to be examined and reported. Francis Crandon is given permission to ship out several goods. (1½ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JANUARY 3, 1672 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 397).

Edmond Gale, a London grocer, is accepted as security in 100*l.* for Samuel Foote. John Hooke to be given 5*l.* 10*s.* for some books which belonged to the late Walter Hooke, minister at Masulipatam; the Agent and Council at the Fort to be told, so that the said books may be taken into the Company's library. A paper 'touching the discovery of several evil practises' used by private traders to the prejudice of the Company is referred for consideration. Thomas Thoroton, brewer, and John Angevyn are proposed as security in 500*l.* for Thomas Baily, Junior, whose securities, formerly accepted, are out of town. William Blake to be given a copy of the Company's objections to his account, and Moses is directed to report whether the goods in the Company's warehouse claimed by Blake may be legally detained until they are paid for. Messrs. Bellamy and Paige granted permission to keep some pepper and calicoes, bought at the last sale, for two or three months at their own risk in the Company's warehouse. According to annual custom the Court bestow 5*l.* for the poor of the parish of St. Andrew Undershaft and desire Mr. Canham to distribute the same to the most necessitous. At the instance of Thomas Travers attorney to Ann Travers administratrix to Walter Travers, the business touching the account of the last named is referred to arbitration. Mr. Bathurst reporting that Mr. Fullford is willing to pay his debt to the Company by stated instalments and will give good security and his bond for so doing, the Court approve. Lead to be shipped in the *Rainbow*. A protest to be made to

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the owners of the *Ann.* Captain Hill reports an error made in the invoice of the *Hannibal* of some pepper, a larger amount being entered than he took in at Surat; order is given for the extra amount charged to be withdrawn from the owners' account, provided they give bond to repay the same if they cannot produce a certificate within twenty days after the return of this year's shipping from Surat to prove the alleged error. (2 *pp.*)

DANIEL ARTHUR TO VISCOUNT CONWAY, JANUARY 3, 1672 (*Public Record Office: S.P. Dom., Car.* II. 302, no. 13).

. . . I have just now heard from Holland, where our Ambassador Downing took leave for his return. Actions in the East India Company there are fallen from 490 to 400, a great thing in so short a time. . .

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JANUARY 5, 1672 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 400).

Thomas Baily to be sent as a writer to Bantam at a salary of 10*l.* a year. Nathaniel Brigs offering his services for further employment as a chaplain at Bantam, he is entertained at a salary of 50*l.* a year, an annual gratuity of 50*l.* and 20*l.* for fresh provisions and other necessaries for his voyage. Mr. Albyn to read the catalogue of books formerly sent to Bantam, consider what others are necessary, and provide such books (not to exceed 10*l.* in value) as Mr. Brigs shall wish to take with him. Mr. Denew is given permission to keep certain goods in the Company's warehouse for two months at his own risk. Payment to be made to John Cade according to a report now read. The Committee for Writing Letters to prepare the draft of a letter to be sent to the Agent and Council at Bantam. (1 *p.*)

A COMMITTEE FOR BUYING GOODS, JANUARY 5, 1672 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvA, p. 98).

The Husband to separate all the elephants teeth weighing under nine lb. from those of a greater weight, the former to be sold, and the latter sent to Surat. He is also to buy thirty-three tons of alum, at the best rate possible, for shipment to Surat. Lead for Bantam to be shipped in Captain Crover and Captain Baker's vessels, and twenty barrels of gunpowder in each of the five ships bound for Bantam. *Appended is a list of goods to be shipped in the four vessels bound for Surat.* (1¾ *pp.*)

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RICHARD WATTS AT DEAL TO JOSEPH WILLIAMSON, JANUARY 7, 1672 (*Public Record Office: S.P. Dom., Car.* II. 302, no. 31).

The five East India ships sailed late yesterday from the Downs outward bound.

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JANUARY 10, 1672 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 401).

At the instance of several buyers, certain goods bought at the last sale and paid for before the 12th instant are to be allowed to remain in the Company's warehouses at the owners' risk until further orders. Thomas Williams, living in the Company's Almhouse at Poplar, to be given 40*s.* 'for his relief'. The bills of the late John Young to be examined. It is left to the discretion of the Governor and Deputy to present gratuities, not exceeding 400*l.*, to those persons who have 'taken pains and been serviceable to the Company'. On representations made by the commanders and officers of the Company's shipping of the discouragement they suffer from large quantities of goods being sent to India by persons not in the service, but who make use of the names of factors for this purpose; the Court order that, in future any one wishing to send out goods for account of the Company's factors must obtain a certificate from the Shipping Committee for so doing before receiving permission from the Court, and that particular notice be taken of the quantity of goods sent to any one factor, in order that any prejudice to the Company may be avoided. They also order that no permission is to be granted to ship out goods belonging to any of their officers without a certificate from the commander of the ship stating that they are part of the five per cent tonnage allowed by charterparty. Captains Baker and Crover are permitted to send out several goods, particulars of which are now read. Captain John Kempthorne to be given a warrant for 10*l.*, instead of the five guineas as formerly ordered, for the Indian doe he gave the Company. Captain Arnold Browne to be given twenty guineas for his services against Sivāji at Surat. Robert Boulter, of London, a stationer, engages that Nathaniel Brigs shall proceed in the present voyage to Bantam, where he is to serve as a chaplain, or else repay the 20*l.* imprest. Warrants for payment of imprest money, and of primage and average to the commanders and owners of ships, to be made out to those owners who have signed their charterparties. (2 *pp.*)

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A COMMITTEE FOR BUYING GOODS, JANUARY 10, 1672 (*Court Book*, XXVA, p. 97).

Sir William Thomson agrees with Alderman Moore for delivery to the Company of 250 fother of lead at 13*l.* 2*s.* the fother. (⅛ *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JANUARY 12, 1672 (*Court Book*, vol. XXVII, p. 403).

John Allen of Gretton, Northamptonshire, and John Wright of Gray's Inn are accepted as security in 600*l.* ('for payment of 300*l.* at two six months') for George Fulford. John Mudgeley is given permission to export several goods. John Elliot's account to be reported. Hugh Smyth, waterman, to be given 5*l.* for damage sustained by the loss of his servant and the materials of his boat in taking the Company's treasure aboard the ships at Gravesend. Samuel Foote, entertained as a factor for Bantam, to be given an annual salary of 80*l.* William Edwards admitted to the freedom by redemption. The factory at Bantam to be supplied with two cwt. of pewter dishes and plates, on which the arms of the Company are to be engraved. Sir John Robinson and Mr. Jollife to speak to Sir Thomas Chicheley, Master of the King's Ordnance, about some money now due to the Company. (1 *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JANUARY 17, 1672 (*Ibid.*, p. 404).

Certain of the Committees to obtain an order from the Lords of the Treasury for shipment of some brass guns designed for Bantam. The sum of 600*l.* to be paid to Mr. Watts and the other owners of the *American* in full of all demands, they promising to pay all wages due to the mariners. Asafoetida bought at the last sale by Mr. Hill to be examined, he declaring it to be 'much undertared'. Samuel Foote, Daniel Rawlinson, Ralph Smith, and Captain Francis Johnson are granted permission to ship out several goods. No ship in the Company's service to have her charterparty made out until a certificate of her tonnage has been obtained from the Shipping Committee. Payment to be made to John Scranton and to the owners of the *Hannibal*. Dr. William Sclater and Joseph Thompson are accepted as security in 500*l.* for William Sclater, Junior. (1¼ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JANUARY 19, 1672 (*Ibid.*, p. 405).

Mr. Hill to be allowed 10*l.* on the asafoetida he bought. Sambrooke is directed to give Mr. Stileman a copy of the clause in Mr. Chambers's

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letter from Bantam relating to Robert Sharp, who was sent to England. Moses is told to proceed with the suit against Mr. Blake. On consideration of the disappointment given to many merchants and others by the Company's order of December 15 last, that all goods must be cleared by the 12th of this present month or one-half of the discount allowed for prompt payment repaid before the goods would be delivered, the Court order the time for clearing to be extended from the 12th to the 31st instant. Permission to export goods, particulars of which are now read, is given to Messrs. Vincent, Woolters, Baily, Fox, and Girle. Payment for head money to be made to the chirurgeons of the *Berkeley Castle*, *Loyal Subject*, and *Johanna*, and to the owners of the *Loyal Subject* and *Johanna* for the passages of twelve persons, six in each vessel. The account of Matthew Launce to be examined. Some of Dr. Butler's medicines, to the value of 5*l.*, with instructions for their use, to be sent to Bantam under the care of Mr. Brigs. Robert Davies to be prosecuted for debt; and all debtors named in the list now read to be summoned to attend next Wednesday. (1½ *pp.*)

TREASURY MINUTE, JANUARY 19, 1672 (*Public Record Office: Treasury Minute Book* iv, pp. 139–141).

Warrant for a bill of store for eight brass guns for the East India Company to send to the King of Bantam. Send to the Attorney-General to make all convenient speed with the report on the reference concerning the ships of the East India Company.

THE TREASURY LORDS TO THE CUSTOMS COMMISSIONERS, JANUARY 20, 1672 (*Public Record Office: Warrants Early*, xix, p. 161).

To make forth bills of store for discharge and exemption from duty of the following articles intended to be sent by the East India Company as a present to the King of Bantam, viz.: 4 demi-cannon of copper or brass, 12 feet long, weighing 307 cwt. 3 qrs. 24 lb.: also 4 sakers of copper or brass, 8 feet long, weighing 63 cwt. 2 qrs. 18 lb., all of English manufacture: also 2 forfeited brass pieces of ordnance, 12 feet long, weighing about 40 cwt., which His Majesty has ordered the Master of the Ordnance to be cast and delivered to the said Company, together with 80 shot of equal diameter to the said pieces, being intended as His Majesty's present to the said King of Bantam.

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SILAS TAYLOR AT HARWICH TO JOSEPH WILLIAMSON, JANUARY 23, 1672 (*Public Record Office: S.P. Dom., Car.* II. 302, no. 105).

. . . At Ipswich. . . they were lately launching a ship for the East India trade, but for want of water she sticks one half on the ooze and the other half with her stern on the launch.

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JANUARY 24, 1672 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 407).

A letter from Lord Arlington is read recommending Mr. Boreman for employment; the latter is told that when there is occasion for a person of his qualifications he shall be considered. A letter from the Agent and Council at Bantam is read, and order given for the clause in it relating to Captain Backer to be communicated to the Secretaries of State, and at the same time Lord Arlington is to be acquainted with the answer given to Mr. Boreman. The ships designed for Bantam to be dispatched with all haste from Gravesend, Captain Prowd, assisted by Mr. Faircliff, to see to the shipping of the treasure. Permission to export goods is given to Messrs. Sclater, Woolters, Owen, Hide, Smith, Brigs, Horsman, Ivat, and Mrs. Cook. Mr. Bolter to be paid 13*l.* for books provided for Bantam, and Mr. Albyn to see that no duplicates are sent of those already there. At the request of Mr. Sawyer, his difference with the Company is referred to arbitration. Mary Whitehorne to be paid 40*l.* Mr. Sowton to be written to and sent the King's proclamation calling home all British seamen from foreign parts, that notice of this may be given to any English sailors serving in vessels bound from Stockholm to the Indies. (1½ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JANUARY 26, 1672 (*Ibid.*, p. 408).

Sir John Lawrence, Knight, and Charles Chamberlan, merchant, are accepted as security in 500*l.* for Mark Lawrence, writer. Thomas Wood and Company to be paid for goods delivered for the Company's service. At the request of Mr. Oxinden, the Court promise to consider next year the entertainment of his brother Christopher as a writer in India. Much inconvenience having been caused the Company by factors and their relations living in the same factory, the Court now direct that in future no one is to be entertained to serve in any Presidency, Agency, or Chiefship where any of his kindred or relations are serving. Permission to export goods is given to Messrs. Houblon, Angeir, Thomson, Cham-

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bers, Sundercomb, Ellis, and Robinson. The sum of 90*l.* 6*s.* 5*d.* to be paid to the administrator of Henry Gainpin. Four brass saker guns to be sent to Bantam. Some piece-goods to be delivered free of fine to Mary Harman, they being for the use of herself and her two children. The Governor reports the receipt of six guineas from some unknown person enclosed in a statement to the effect that the sender was employed by the Company and 'through temptation was wrought upon to deceive his trust, and having repented of this great evill, he had asked forgiveness of God, and did the like of the Company, to whom he returned that money, being the value of what he had defrauded them of, with double interest'. Order is hereupon given for the six guineas to be paid into the Treasury and placed to the account of Profit and Loss 'as so much acknowledged to be restored that had been wrongfully taken from the Company'. (1¼ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JANUARY 26, 1672 [AFTERNOON] (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 409).

At the request of Christopher Thomlinson his difference with the Company is referred to arbitration. The Court direct that before the brass sakers are sent to the King of Bantam, Captain Earning at Plymouth is to be written to and told to ascertain whether the said king has made good his promise of sending 100 bahars of pepper to the Company. The names of those of Council at Bantam to be reported. Two gold medals, to the value of 20*l.*, to be provided, one to be sent to Gerald Aungier, President at Surat, 'as a remembrance of his good service against Sevagee the last year', the other to be given to Streinsham Masters on his arrival in England. The Shipping Committee to provide '200 snaphance muskets and bandaliers' and 200 swords for Bombay, and see that the 150 soldiers are entertained and ready, and that ten seamen are engaged to serve the Company at Surat. A report from the Committees touching Persian affairs dated July 28 last is read, and order given for the two per cent consulage demanded from the English at Gombroon to be remitted, and a letter procured from King Charles to the Persian king to desire that right may be done in the half customs due to the Company; a draft of the letter to this effect to be drawn up and presented to the Court. The Committee appointed to consider Mr. Rolt's affairs to be desired to meet next Wednesday. Nathaniel Skottow is granted permission to export certain goods. (1 *p.*)

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THE KING TO THE SULTAN OF BANTAM, JANUARY 26, 1672 (*Letter Book*, vol. iv, p. 520).

His Majesty wishes the most famous and renowned Sultan Abull Fettahee, King of Bantam and many other territories, health, prosperity, and happiness. By a letter dated May 24 last His Majesty acquainted the Sultan with the state of the affairs of his East India Company and his great concern in their welfare, and recommended them to the favour and encouragement of the Sultan. In the said letter His Majesty also acknowledged the receipt of a present of a creese and four lances, and now desires that the Sultan will accept two brass demiculverins, each twelve feet in length, which have been cast on purpose for him and laden in the *Hannibal*, and on her arrival the Company's Agent will present them. Again desiring the Sultan to afford all encouragement, justice, favour, and protection to the East India Company, their Agents, Councils, and factors, His Majesty commends the Sultan to the protection of the Almighty. 'Given at our Court at Whitehall.' *Signed* Your affectionate friend Charles R. (¾ *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JANUARY 31, 1672 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 411).

The draft of a letter from King Charles to the King of Persia is read and order given for it to be referred to the Committee for Writing Letters to make what alterations they see fit. Permission is granted to the owners and commander of the *Expectation* to export 1,800 pieces of eight, and to the owners and commander of the *Surat Merchant* to export 2,000 pieces of eight to Bantam, permission free; also to Captains Goodlad and Risby and to Mr. Clough to export certain goods, they being part of the five per cent tonnage allowed by charterparty. John Richards is entertained to serve under Sambrooke at an annual salary of 30*l.* Sir Walter Walker to be given a retaining fee to act as Counsel to the Company as occasion shall require. The petition of Mrs. Bass is referred. Particulars read of goods to be provided at Surat and order given for the same to be inserted in the general letter to that place. (1 *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, FEBRUARY 2, 1672 (*Ibid.*, p. 412).

At the instance of the Treasury Committee, order is given that, for the future Edward Byrch is to enter all particulars of receipts and pay-

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ments in the Cash book according to Dunkin's directions, and examine and sign every folio of that book in accordance with the instructions of the Treasury Committee. John Paige to be allowed for narrow baftas missing in the bale he bought at the last sale. Permission to ship out goods is given to Messrs. Willoughby, Rodrigues, Lusher, Harris, Havers, Dawes, and Foote. Dunkin to deliver 4,000 pieces of eight, 'Sevil coin', or the same quantity of Mexican pieces of eight to Alderman Backwell, if by his account it appears that the Company owe him so much. John Byrch, Esq., of Westminster, and John Wyat, merchant of Bristol, are accepted as security in 500*l.* for John Wyat, Junior, writer. It is left to the discretion of the Governor and Deputy to bestow gratuities, not exceeding 400*l.*, on 'such persons as have taken pains and been ready on all occasions to promote the Company's affairs'. At the request of John Billingsly, the business depending between the Company and himself is again referred to arbitrators, who are to determine it by the first of April next. The matter depending between the Company and John Sawyer is, by mutual consent, also referred to arbitration. The Secretary reports that a petition addressed to the King and Council has been brought into the office to be copied; it is drawn up by several London merchants, who in it complain of great losses they have sustained in several places abroad, and mention particularly the taking of Macassar from the Company; the Court, finding passages in the said petition 'they must disown', direct the Secretary to acquaint Messrs. Warren and Wescomb, who signed the petition, with the desire of the Company that anything concerning their affairs may be omitted. (1¼ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, FEBRUARY 2, 1672 [AFTERNOON] (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 413).

A letter from Captain Earning at Plymouth is read, in which he disclaims all knowledge of the 100 bahars of pepper being sent by the King of Bantam to the Agent; hereupon the question is put, whether the four saker guns shall be sent to the said King, and answered in the affirmative. Letters for the Agent and Council at Bantam are now signed. (½ *p.*)

THE COMPANY TO SAMUEL SOWTON [AT STOCKHOLM], FEBRUARY 2, 1672 (*Letter Book*, vol. iv, p. 514).

Send the King's late proclamation recalling and prohibiting seamen

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from the service of foreign Princes and States; this Sowton is to communicate to those of His Majesty's subjects who have undertaken to proceed in the two ships bound to the East Indies, that they may avoid the dangers mentioned. Desire him to continue to advise them concerning the said two vessels, and anything else worthy their knowledge. (¼ *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, FEBRUARY 7, 1672 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 414).

There being a want of money in the Treasury, it is referred to the Treasury Committees, who with certain other Committees are to consider how best a supply may be obtained, either by exchange, taking up of money at interest, or some other means that may tend to the honour and advantage of the Company. It is also resolved that in order to supply present needs the Treasury Committees shall accept a loan at six per cent and give the Company's bill, payable at three or six months for the same, and that others, who have advanced money to the Company since January 1, shall from that time be allowed the same rate of interest. Richard Foley is remitted the fine on some calicoes, they being for the use of himself and his relations. Permission to ship out goods is granted to Sir Francis Clarke, Messrs. Godfrey, Rawlinson, Tibbots, and Sambrooke. Papers presented by Shem Bridges are read and referred to the Committee for Private Trade to do what they think fit about them. Amongst the warrants is one made out to Sir George Downing for 504*l.* 15*s.* 10*d.*, and one to Mrs. Anne Charnock for 613*l.* 1*s.* 8*d.* (1½ *pp.*)

RICHARD WATTS AT DEAL TO SIR JOSEPH WILLIAMSON, FEBRUARY 7, 1672 (*Public Record Office: S.P. Dom., Car.* II. 302, no. 228).

The three East India ships outward bound sailed at noon. . . .

THE COMPANY TO SULTAN ABULL FETTAHEE, KING OF BANTAM, FEBRUARY 8, 1672 (*Letter Book*, vol. iv, p. 521).

Some misunderstanding having arisen between His Majesty and their Agent concerning the management of their affairs in His Majesty's dominions, they procured a letter from their King to the Sultan and wrote at large themselves in order to prevent all future misunderstandings. At the same time they acknowledged the receipt of His Majesty's letter, in which he mentioned the 100 bahars of pepper he

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had desired their Agent to present to them, and stated that they intended to make some return by their winter shipping. Since this they have received advice from their Agent Dacres of a contract made with the Sultan for payment of 4,000 dollars a year instead of any presents, customs, &c., of which they approve during Dacres's stay, and until they give orders to the contrary. In confidence that His Majesty has made good his promise with regard to the pepper, they now send in the *Hannibal* four brass sakers and 300 muskets, which the Agent is to deliver if he has received the pepper, but if not, then he is to dispose of them as directed. By the *Ann* they received His Majesty's letter in which he complained of the Agent and of Mr. Mainstone; the latter long before receipt of His Majesty's said letter had been ordered to England to answer for his misdemeanours; he being removed and the Sultan having received their King's letter and their own, and the aforesaid agreement having been made they hope there will be no more misunderstandings. As to the price of pepper, their Agent quotes 15 dollars the bahar, which they have told him is too dear compared with what the Dutch sell at, and they cannot hope to compete with the latter unless they sell as cheaply. Of this they have often told their Agent to inform the Sultan and to desire him to consult his own and his people's interest, as well as the Company's, how best to keep the trade of the latter in his kingdom. (¾ *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, FEBRUARY 9, 1672 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 415).

Sir John Banks to speak to Sir Thomas Chicheley and Sir John Duncombe about the money due for saltpetre. Resolved that a General Court of Sales be held on April 16 next. Permission to export goods is granted to Jacob Aboab, Arthur Philpot, Captain Peirce, and Captain Richard Goodlad. A report is read touching the dispute between Rolt, Lambton, and others, in which the committee state that what is affirmed by Rolt is denied by others at Surat, therefore they can give no judgement, but only offer their opinion that the Court should write to the President and Council at Surat and desire all animosities to be stopped, and care taken to prevent offences for the future; that Rolt use his authority to punish all who act contrary to the established orders of the Company; that he keep up a good correspondence with the President and Council, and observe their orders, as being subordinate to them; that Ralph Lambton come home or remain at Bombay, and

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that the President issue orders to all captains of ships and others employed in Persia to give due respect to Rolt as the Company's Chief. The Court agree to this and direct that the President and Council at Surat and Mr. Rolt be informed of it. At the instance of Mr. Breton, one of the owners of the *Coast Frigate*, certain Committees are desired to report touching the damaged goods returned in that ship. Mr. Mountney reports the desire of the late Farmers to be paid 10,000*l.* of what is due to them for custom on goods imported by the Company last year; he is told that the account shall be examined and care taken for the Farmers' supply, though money is very scarce at present. After some debate, the Treasury Committees and Mr. Canham are desired to consider how to find money for the Company's occasions. The Deputy and Sir John Banks to consider the request of Mr. Whitchurch concerning his freedom. Mr. Morris's bill to be examined. A report on the petition of Bridget Hardy is read and approved, and the Court agree that the said Bridget and her now husband, John Charles, are entitled to 300*l.* left by Captain Thomas Hardy to his brother Robert Hardy (who married the said Bridget but has since died intestate) if they will take out letters of administration; meanwhile interest at five per cent is to be allowed on the said money. All information possible to be obtained with regard to the ministerial abilities of Mr. Farnworth, who is proposed to serve the Company as a chaplain in India. (*2 pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, FEBRUARY 14, 1672 (*Ibid.*, p. 417).

A letter from Samuel Sowton from Stockholm is read, and order given for an answer to be sent to him stating that as copper is so dear and the times 'like to prove troublesom', no directions are yet sent, but he is to keep the Company frequently informed of the price of copper that they may know how to act. A representation from Captain Richard Goodlad, commander of the *Rainbow*, is referred to the Committee for Private Trade. All warehousekeepers to draw up at once an account of the goods in their custody, and what money is due upon them, and present the same to the Committee for Lawsuits, who are to enjoin all persons named in the said accounts to clear their goods; the said Committee is also to consider of some speedier way of collecting money due on contracts. On information that some persons desire six per cent interest on their money now in the Company's hands, from the time it shall become due, or else to be paid the principal, the Court order that

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all such persons be allowed the six per cent desired, but at the same time recommend the Treasury Committees to take care that all who take advantage of 'the present exigency of affairs be paid off in the first place' as soon as there is sufficient cash to do this. Mr. Herne to be allowed to ship out free some sarsaparilla, and Messrs. Rolt and Sherlock to ship out goods, particulars of which are now read. The late Farmers of the Customs to be paid 2,000*l.* upon account. (1 *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, FEBRUARY 16, 1672 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 419).

Permission to ship out goods is given to Mrs. Browning, William Norgate, and Henry Adman. Ordered that in the general letter to Surat the President and Council be informed, in accordance with the debate now had, of the opinion of the Court touching Colonel Palmer, Colonel Bake, and Francis Bill. A draft of a letter to the King of Persia is read, and order given that the Committees who brought it in be desired to read the Articles made with the King's predecessors and then make what alterations in the said letter they think fit. Henry Oxinden, Secretary at Surat, to be given an annual salary of 40*l.* A warrant for 100*l.* to be made out to the Husband, who wants the money for 'necessary disbursements'. A warrant for 50*l.* made out to Mr. Wilson for his dividend, having been lost, the Accountant is directed to make out another and note on it that the first miscarried. [Among the warrants, no fewer than sixty-three are made out to E. Backwell, Esq., all for large sums, varying from 140*l.* to 20,000*l.*] (1 *p.*)

THE COMPANY TO SAMUEL SOWTON [AT STOCKHOLM], FEBRUARY 16, 1672 (*Letter Book*, vol. iv, p. 523).

Acknowledged his letter of January 17 with the enclosed account, and note his promise to send copper to the value of dollars 7,156, still remaining to their credit, by the first shipping. Considering the dearness of copper and the likelihood of troublous times they forbear to order more as yet, but desire him to advise frequently as to its price. (¼ *p.*)

RICHARD WATTS AT DEAL TO SIR JOSEPH WILLIAMSON, FEBRUARY 18, 1672 (*Public Record Office: S.P. Dom., Car.* II. 303, no. 46).

. . . The *Hannibal*, for East India, came yesterday into the Downs.

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TREASURY MINUTE, FEBRUARY 20, 1672 (*Public Record Office: Treasury Minute Book* iv, pp. 182–6).

Write Sir John Banks that he would bring back the report from the Attorney-General concerning the East India Company.

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, FEBRUARY 21, 1672 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 421).

The Auditor to give Mr. Chapman a copy of Mr. Puliston's account and of the Company's demands from him. The fine on some lead, seized in the *Golden Fleece*, belonging to one of the chief mates and the carpenter, to be remitted and the lead not to be exported, and the Court resolve that for the future a fine of 20*l.* a ton shall be put upon all lead sent out as private trade, and that this shall be inserted in all charterparties. The Treasury Committees to send down the treasure for the ships bound for Surat as soon as they are ready for it. John Woolhouse, winecooper, and John Peirce, milliner, both of London, are accepted as security in 500*l.* for John [*sic*] Woolhouse, writer, and William Rooke, Esq., of Canterbury, and Thomas Gibbon, of London, as security in 500*l.* for Thomas Pettit, writer. The account of Matthew Launce to be examined. Permission to export goods is given to Mrs. Cooke, Richard Davison, Samuel Wales, and John North. No more warrants to be issued to William Thomson, gunsmith, for money due to him, until his former account is cleared. The Committee for Making Addresses to prepare a letter, in accordance with the debate now had, to be sent to Captain Collier. (1½ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, FEBRUARY 23, 1672 (*Ibid.*, p. 422).

A satisfactory account having been received of the ministerial abilities of John Fraunce (recommended by Mr. Boyle), he is elected to serve as a chaplain at Surat or Bombay at an annual salary of 50*l.*, with a yearly gratuity of 50*l.*, and to be allowed 20*l.* for provisions and other necessaries for his voyage. A representation from Captain Richard Goodlad, commander of the *Rainbow*, is read, praying that the fifty bags of saltpetre put to his account may be withdrawn, as they were not put aboard his ship, and Shem Bridges vouching for the truth of this, the Court order the entry to be cancelled, and the wishes of the Captain with regard to his sappan and ebony wood to be referred to the Committee for Private Trade. The Treasury Committees to authorize the entry in their Cash Book of the expenditure of 340

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guineas, which, in accordance with an order of the Court of the 2nd instant, have been paid in gratuities to those who have promoted the Company's service. Permission to export goods is granted to Messrs. Gifford, Gape, Blackman, Stracy, Brown, and to Captains Risbe and Goodlad. (1¼ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, FEBRUARY 28, 1672 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 424).

Permission to export goods is given to Captain Peirce, Messrs. Boone, Bill, Reynardson, and Woolhouse, and to Edward Denham to send out three chests of wine, containing twenty-five gallons, to the President at Surat. A fine of *20l.* per ton to be put on all lead in which goods for private trade are packed, and a fine of *12d.* per oz. on all coral beads sent to India. A warrant for 3,000*l.* to be made out to the late Farmers of the Customs on account. Charles Aston to give up to Sambrooke the key of the warehouse at Gresham College, formerly used for pepper, as it is now to be used for a calico warehouse. An additional hundred barrels of powder to be sent to Bombay. (1½ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, FEBRUARY 29, 1672 [AFTERNOON] (*Ibid.*, p. 425).

Mr. Farnworth to be notified to attend the Court to-morrow morning; and the Shipping Committees to confer with the chaplains already entertained and ascertain which of them is inclined to remain at Bombay. Captain William Hill, late commander of the *Hannibal*, to be presented with twenty guineas for his good services at Surat against Sivāji. (½ *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, MARCH 1, 1672 (*Ibid.*, p. 426).

Good accounts having been received of the ministerial abilities of Joseph Farnworth, he is elected to serve as a chaplain at Surat or Bombay at a salary of *50l.* a year and an annual gratuity of *50l.*, as he shall be found to deserve. Some narrow bafts to be delivered to Mr. Gulston. In accordance with a report now read, Mary Lang, administratrix to the late Matthew Launce, is to be given a warrant for *15l. 11s. 4d.* The bricklayers' bills to be examined. Owners of ships serving the Company to be allowed to export free their joint bullion in the said ships, on account of private trade, provided it does not exceed *400l.* to every 100 ton of the ships' burden. Permission to export goods is given

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to Messrs. Gosnell, Brown, Finny, Marshall, Featherson, Parks, Hall, Clough, Alderson, Ward, Davison, King, Adams, Gray, the Master and Wardens of Trinity House, and to Captains Risby and Peirce. (1 *p.*)

RICHARD WATTS AT DEAL TO SIR JOSEPH WILLIAMSON, MARCH 5, 1672 (*Public Record Office: S.P. Dom. Car.* II. 303, no. 172).

To-day the *Humphrey and Elizabeth* arrived unexpectedly from East India, with no news except that the *Phoenix* is in the English Channel. These great and secret preparations for war put the whole country to a stand, make trade dear, and beget sundry discourses. . . .

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, MARCH 6, 1672 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 427).

Messrs. Gyffard, Hewar, Woolhouse, Lawrence, Boulton, Andrews, Church, Welsh, King, Hall, and Captain Peirce are given permission to ship out goods, particulars of which are now read. After examination and report the bill of Steven Smart, plumber, is ordered to be paid. The fine on some calicoes is remitted to George Legate and Mrs. Henshaw. The late Farmers of the Customs to be paid 2,000*l.* on account. The Husband to give in next Friday an account of the private trade laden in the *Mediterranean Merchant*. A gratuity of 50*l.* a year to be paid to Mr. Hounsell, the Company's chaplain at Fort St. George, the Agent and Council there having reported his 'good character'. (1½ *pp.*)

THE KING TO SHĀH SULAIMĀN, KING OF PERSIA, MARCH 6, 1672 (*Letter Book*, vol. iv, p. 544).

His Majesty has been informed by his East India Company of the happy succession of 'Shaw Solyman' to the throne of his renowned ancestors, and of the peace and tranquillity of the great kingdoms under his obedience, and sends hearty congratulations and wishes for the increase and continuance of the Shāh's prosperity. The said Company have at the same time humbly represented how that about fifty years ago articles of agreement were confirmed to them by Shāh Sulaimān's famous predecessor, Shāh Abbas, by which for their great charge and service in assisting in the taking of the 'Castle of Kishme, Citty, Castle, and Island of Ormous', they were to receive (among other benefits) one-half of the customs and duties payable by all merchants ships, etc., arriving on this side of Ormous, as appears by the first and third article of the said agreement. But they complain that Your Majesty's officers

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have for many years past slighted their Agents and withheld the greatest part of their right, for though the customs are worth 30,000 tomands a year yet they have seldom received more than 1,000 tomands. The King, not wishing for any breach in the ancient friendship existing between the two nations, trusts that the peaceable representation of these wrongs may bring about the recovery of the Company's just dues for the time past, and 'a firme establishment' by Shāh Sulaimān's commands to his Officers and Ministers for the future, so that the Company may receive annually 'their full proportions upon a just accompt, whereby the freindship and good correspondence which hath continued so many yeares may be still preserved and remaine inviolate'. 'Given at Our Court at Whitehall.' *Signed* Your verie affectionate Freind Charles R. (¾ *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, MARCH 7, 1672 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 429).

Permission to export goods is given to Mrs. Mohun, Mrs. Gould, Messrs. Reynardson, Stanlake, and Lawrence. A draft of an engagement to be given to the Commissioners of Customs to perfect the entry of goods imported in the *John and Martha* from Bantam within the next two months, and giving bond for satisfying the customs due, is read, and order given for the Treasury Committees to affix the Company's seal to the said engagement and to others of a like tenor which shall from time to time be presented by the Husband for the entries of any other of the Company's ships arriving from India. Ordered that the soldiers at Bombay be allowed their pay at twenty-eight days to the month. A tally for the year's rent ending last Michaelmas for Bombay and paid into the Exchequer is given to Mr. Boone to deposit in the Treasury. Gerald Aungier to be allowed five per cent interest on his quarter share of permission money payable on treasure and jewels carried to and from Surat in the Company's ships, and on such permission money as shall yearly become due to him. (1¼ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, MARCH 8, 1672 (*Ibid.*, p. 430).

The Commissioners of the Customs having directed the granting of bills at sight to the Company for goods imported in their ships as private trade upon the Husband entering into an engagement to make a perfect entry and clear them, the Court, after some consideration, direct the Husband to sign the engagement entered into by Captain

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Earning of the *John and Martha* and any others of a similar nature when ships belonging to the Company shall arrive from India, and agree to indemnify him for so doing. Permission to export goods is given to Messrs. Herne, Ward, Bendish, Sambrooke, Tyler, Petit, Cooke, France, Farnworth, and Captain Richard Goodlad of the *Mediterranean*. The account of John Burges to be stated. The Auditor to draw up and present the account of Henry Paige. (1½ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, MARCH 11, 1672 (*Ibid.*, p. 461).[1]

Some bales of cloth to be transferred from the *Mediterranean Merchant* to the *Loyal Merchant* for their more convenient transit to Surat. Mr. Bowers to be paid 21*l.* for making a gold medal for the President of Surat. The owners of the *Loyal Merchant* to be paid 8*l.* for a passenger taken to Bantam, and Captain Risbe 30*l.* 'for a bird called a Cassawarin, which he delivered for the Company's service'. Two letters from St. Helena are read, they record the misbehaviour of Captain Cony; the matter is referred to the Shipping Committee, who are to consider the many complaints made, examine Captain Medford, his purser, and any others they see fit, and report. Permission to export goods is given to Sir Jonathan Dawes, Messrs. Harvy and Cooke. The Captain of the *Humphrey and Elizabeth* to send to the Company's house the diamonds, jewels, and other fine goods he has aboard, appointing some one to deliver them to Dunkin, who is to give a receipt, that so they may be delivered to the several owners. (1 *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, MARCH 13, 1672 (*Ibid.*, p. 431).

Warrants to be made out for payments to the following persons, viz.: Captain Richard Goodlad, commander of the *Mediterranean Merchant*, 7*l.* 11*s.* 1*d.* for his quarter share of permission money for treasure carried out in his vessel; to Jane Culmer 17*l.* due to her late husband for pilotage; to William Clough, purser in the *Loyal Merchant*, 5*l.* gratuity for fetching the Company's letters from Plymouth; to John France, chaplain for Surat, 10*l.* in part of his salary; to John Charles, his wife Bridget, and Christopher Hardy, administrators of the estate of Robert and Thomas Hardy, for 300*l.* paid into the Company's cash at Bombay. Captain Robert Medford, commander of the *Humphrey and Elizabeth*, reports that he has a packet of letters directed to Lord Arlington containing a return of the commission granted for examina-

[1] Bound up wrongly.

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tion of the differences at Fort St. George between Sir Edward Winter and Agent Foxcroft; hereupon the Court request Sir John Banks to inform Lord Arlington of this and to be present at the delivery of the said packet. Permission to ship out goods is given to Captain Peirce, Messrs. Lucy, Francia, Beard, and Jones. The commanders of the Surat ships to take the first opportunity of sailing from Gravesend into the Downs, and Captain Prowd is directed to go aboard and hasten their departure. The report of the arbitrators appointed to settle matters between the Company, John Billingsly, and John Sayer is read; by it Billingsly and Sayer have to pay the Company 250*l.* each, at the several times mentioned. The Shipping Committee to prepare a letter to go by the *Barnardiston* to the Agent and Council at the Fort. At the instance of Captain Richard Goodlad, commander of the *Rainbow*, the Court promise that if they see cause to alter his homeward route he shall have some consideration, and the same shall be allowed to other ships in a like case. Permission money paid by Mr. Herne for some musk brought back in the *Return* to be repaid him, and an allowance made him for some stick-lac found over and above the Company's proportion mentioned in the invoice. The accounts of John Augar and John Parnell to be stated. (1½ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, MARCH 13, 1672 [AFTERNOON] (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 433).

Upon hearing a report from those appointed to examine the account of Sir Francis Clarke, the Court give order that if within the next twenty-one days Sir Francis pays 150*l.* he is to be discharged of the said account. A report is read from the Committees touching the answer of the President and Council of Surat to the objections formerly made to the accounts of that factory, and order given for the particulars mentioned in the said report to be inserted in the general letter to that place. Letters to the Agent and Council at Fort St. George are signed, and directions given for them to be sent to Portsmouth or Plymouth to go by the *Barnardiston*. (¾ *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, MARCH 15, 1672 (*Ibid.*, p. 434).

Payment to be made to Henry Brown. A letter from Captain Prowd is read, in which he tells of the unfitness of some of the ships bound for Surat because they are too deeply laden; hereupon two of the Committees are requested to go aboard the said vessels and see what is best

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to be done to hasten their dispatch, and give directions accordingly. Payment to be made to the owners of the *Coast Frigate*. Certain Committees to deliver the jewels and other things, returned in the *Humphrey and Elizabeth* but now in the Treasury, to their rightful owners. The wife of Captain Horsman to be given 20*l.*, being what is thought fit to remit of the fine paid by the captain for white pepper brought home in the *Constantinople Merchant*. The Secretary to be paid 70*l.* for disbursements. (1 *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, MARCH 15, 1672 [AFTERNOON] (*Ibid.*, p. 435).

John France, the minister bound for Surat, to be given 10*l.* on account of his salary. Certain of the Committees to meet next Monday in order to consider what should be done to procure convoys for the ships outward-bound, and for those expected home this year. (¾ *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, MARCH 20, 1672 (*Ibid.*, p. 436).

William Northy requesting the dividend on his adventure in the General Joint Stock (formerly belonging to Sir William Bateman) the matter is referred to the Committee for Lawsuits, who, with the assistance of Moses, are to consider and report what is fit to be done. Several Committees are desired to examine the preamble which is to be read at the next sale and, in accordance with the debate just had on encouraging buyers to take away their goods in time, to make such amendments in it as may be most for the Company's interest and advantage. The Shipping Committee to examine what kentledge guns were put aboard the *Rainbow* in her present voyage to Surat, and what obligation the commander is under to return them to England. Some 'toyes' brought back in the *Humphrey and Elizabeth* to be delivered to Mary Mohun. (1¼ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, MARCH 22, 1672 (*Ibid.*, p. 437).

The clerk to the Master of the Ordnance to be given 3*l.* for his care and pains in dispatching the Company's business. Payment to be made to John Burges, late Armourer at Bantam. Mary, wife of John Bolt, mariner in the pinnace *Diligence*, to be given one month's pay extraordinary of her husband's wages, she having lawful authority to receive it. Discount Bills to be signed by the clerks who make them out, and by Harbert. John Whitlock, minister, to be remitted the 5*l.* due as he is an adventurer in the present Joint Stock. (1 *p.*)

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A COURT OF COMMITTEES, MARCH 29, 1672 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 438).

A small cabinet returned in the *Experiment* to be delivered free to Mr. Flower, minister. Damaged pepper returned in the *John and Martha* to be examined. A pot of musk, said to have cost 632½ rials, the property of Thomas Gray and Richard Cradock, to be delivered on payment of the permission money. Upon petition, some clothing, calicoes and other things to be delivered free to Messrs. Dix, Augur and Parnell. Captain Johnson is presented with 5*l.*, to be spent on a piece of plate on which the arms of the Company are to be engraved, for his care in building the *Experiment*. The Company's seal to be affixed to a receipt for 1,000*l.* paid in by George Papillon, the proceeds of part of Mr. Blake's goods. Drugs, etc., to be priced in readiness for the sale. The Treasury Committees to accept money offered by William Jollife or any other merchant, and give bills for repayment with interest at five per cent, yet for any goods they shall buy at the next sale six per cent is to be allowed them from the date of their bills for the same. A diamond weighing 9½ carats returned in the *Humphrey and Elizabeth* to be delivered free to Mrs. Hymners. Certain Committees to provide provisions and other necessaries wanting at St. Helena, freight a ship upon the best terms possible and hasten her dispatch with these goods to that island. The account of the late Thomas Haslewood to be made out. The complaint against Mr. Reynardson is referred to the Committee for Private Trade. Dungarees belonging to Captain Williams, said by him to be rotten and worth very little, to be examined. (2 *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, APRIL 3, 1672 (*Ibid.*, p. 441).

Warrants to be made out for payment of the several sums following: to the owners of the *Humphrey and Elizabeth*, 1,600*l.*, on account of freight; to Nathaniel Nokes, 25*l.*, part of the salary of his brother, who is chaplain at St. Helena; to the owners of the *Loyal Merchant*, 152*l.*, for transportation of nineteen passengers; to the owners of the *Mediterranean Merchant*, 168*l.*, for twenty-one passengers carried out on the Company's account; and to the chirurgeons of the said two vessels for the forty passengers at the rate of 5*s.* each. David King to be allowed 6*l.* for the freight of a smack which attended the Coast ships through the King's Channel into the Downs. An extension of time to be allowed to the arbitrators acting for the Company and Mr. Thomlinson. Abraham Otgher is admitted to the freedom by patrimony, and

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John Fisher by redemption. The Court accept 40*l.* from Roger Scattergood in payment of his debt of 164*l.* 6*s.* 5*d.*, in consideration of his great poverty and the composition made with his other creditors. Saltpetre from the Bay is priced at 3*l.* the cwt. and from the Coast at 54*s.* the cwt. Saltpetre, bought by Mr. Langham for Robert Richardson, to be delivered. A cabinet containing spices returned in the *John and Martha* to be delivered free to John George, and some shirts and calicoes to be delivered free to Lawrence Keeble. The Court consent to a further consideration being had of the award made touching the account of Mr. Stephenson, after the first instalment shall have been paid. Mr. Billingsley to be given his dividend when he has paid the 50*l.* he owes the Company. Mr. Morris's bill for work done in Sambrooke's warehouse to be examined. All the warehousekeepers to give in every February a true account of goods received and delivered by them. A transfer of 375*l.* subscription in the New General Stock made by John Wigat of Lisbon, merchant, late of London, to John Fisher of Westminster, gentleman, witnessed by Thomas Maynard, Consul-General for the English nation there, and by Messrs. Crosford and Lenthal, and James Houblon declaring that he knows the superscription of the said witnesses to be in their own handwriting, the Court approve and give order for the said transfer to be entered. (2 *pp.*)

A Court of Committees, April 5, 1672 (*Ibid.*, p. 443).

Payment to be made to Thomas Ellit. Mrs. Foxcroft to be paid 150*l.* on account of salary due to her husband, Agent Foxcroft. Morees to be delivered free of fine to Mr. King. (1 *p.*)

Samuel Sambrooke to Samuel Sowton [at Stockholm], April 5, 1672 (*Letter Book*, vol. iv, p. 546).

By the Governor's order he writes to acknowledge the receipt of Sowton's letter of the 13th ult. in which he tells of having acquainted the Ambassador with His Majesty's declaration, of his discourse with Oloff Bergh, and about the principal pilot, Robert Parish, etc. The Company return him their thanks, and send him His Majesty's proclamation, which Sowton is to communicate to the Ambassador; he is also to keep the Company constantly advised. (½ *p.*)

Thomas Holden at Falmouth to Sir Joseph Williamson, April 8, 1672 (*Public Record Office: S.P. Dom., Car.* II. 305, no. 95).

. . . There was a whispering report that the French had taken our

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English factory in the East Indies, and that the Dutch had helped the English to retake it.

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, APRIL 12, 1672 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 444).

Francis Morris, carpenter, to be paid 57*l.* 10*s.* Certain calicoes to be resold at the next sale. Three bezoar stones sent as a token to Sir Francis Clarke to be delivered to him permission free. The late Farmers of the Customs to be paid 3,000*l.* on account. Pepper to be sold at 11*d.* per lb. A clause, proposed for insertion in the preamble to be read before the sale, is now read; it is to the following effect: that the Company will sell their goods at six months from May 16 next; any buyer clearing and taking away his goods before the following July 16 shall have three per cent. allowed him for prompt payment, with rebate for the unexpired time of the said six months; any one clearing and taking away his goods before September 16 next shall be allowed two per cent. and the same rebate, and he who clears and takes away his goods on or before November 6, shall be allowed one per cent and no more; the Court approve of the clause and give order for it to be inserted accordingly, and for notice to be given that there will be no further sale of any sort of goods until next September. The dungarees bought by Captain Williams to be examined, and Sambrooke to send the Captain a bale of double dungarees instead of the bale of wrappers, which were sent by mistake. (1½ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, APRIL 15, 1672 (*Ibid.*, p. 445).

Mr. Boone to adjust the account of permission for jewels, etc., due from Thomas Cooke. Mr. Wright, surgeon in the *Rainbow*, to be paid 5*s.* a head for passengers in that ship. A report from the Committees concerning Mr. Thomlinson is approved. The Court of Sales is put off until next Thursday morning. Upon hearing from Sir John Banks a report of his conversation with the Master of the Ordnance, the Court resolve to put up for sale one-third of the saltpetre now in their hands and to keep the remainder; that from the Bay and Surat to be priced at 57*s.* the cwt. and that from the Coast at 51*s.* the cwt. Sir John Banks is desired to acquaint Sir Thomas Chicheley with this resolve and tell him that, if he pleases to appoint some one to buy the saltpetre at the candle, it would be 'an accommodation to His Majesty's service and an ease to the Committees'. Ordered that a dividend of twenty

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per cent be made to the adventurers immediately after the sale as money comes in, any adventurer buying goods to be allowed it in payment of the same. Warrants for the said dividend payable to the adventurers to be ready for issue by Saturday next. A general court to be summoned to meet next Wednesday that all may be told of this. (1 *p.*)

A GENERAL COURT, APRIL 17, 1672 (*Ibid.*, p. 446).

The Governor informs the generality of the order of the Committees of the 15th inst. for a dividend of twenty per cent to be issued to all adventurers immediately after the sale, and that any buying goods at the said sale are to be allowed the dividend in payment for the same. That after the Dutch war the Stock was so reduced it had been necessary to take up great sums of money at interest in order to carry on the trade, and since 1666 only one dividend of ten per cent in May last has been issued. The Court hoped to have declared another after the last sale, but the 'expatiating of their trade prevented it'. Now, finding the expectation of the adventurers to be so great, a dividend, as mentioned, has been declared, and is to be allowed to those buying goods at the sale in payment for them, and to others as fast as money comes in. Warrants for the said dividend will be ready for issue next Saturday. (1 *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, APRIL 17, 1672 [AFTERNOON] (*Ibid.*, p. 447).

Mary Meade to be permitted to transfer a dividend to Matthew Andrewes without paying a fine as he is going to re-assign it to her immediately. On petition, the salary of Samuel Sambrooke, Junior, is increased from 50*l.* to 100*l.* per annum, in respect of his former service and for his future encouragement. James Whitchurch is admitted to the freedom gratis. The account of the owners of the *Rainbow* to be debited with the fine for some iron guns taken out in that ship in her present voyage. The Treasury Committees to be desired to affix the Company's seal to four bonds prepared to be given to His Majesty, two for 1,959*l.* 0*s.* 1*d.* for custom on goods returned in the *John and Martha*, payable next September, and two for 2,529*l.* 6*s.* 9*d.* for custom on goods returned in the *Humphrey and Elizabeth*, payable next March. A report concerning Henry Paige is read and referred for consideration until after the election. (1¼ *pp.*)

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A GENERAL COURT OF SALES, APRIL 18, 1672 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 449).

Sale of Jambi pepper, white pepper, dust and scummings of pepper, China roots, benzoin, green ginger, myrrh, saltpetre, Guinea stuffs, mercollees, derebauds, byrampauts, blue and black bafts, broad and narrow bafts, sovaguzzees, niccanees, brown and blue longcloth, parcallaes, sannoes, salampores, sailcloth, bellees, morees, dungarees, clouts, damaged calicoes, tapseils, brawles, pautkaies, blue pautkaies, ginghams, taffetas, quilts, and cotton wool, with prices and names of purchasers. (11¾ *pp.*)

A GENERAL COURT, APRIL 22, 1672 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 1).

The generality are informed of the occasion of their meeting, according to their printed papers, and that, a scrutiny of the votes having been taken, Sir John Banks has been elected Governor, and Mr. Nathaniel Herne Deputy, for the ensuing year. (½ *p.*)

A GENERAL COURT, APRIL 25, 1672 (*Ibid.*, p. 2).

The Governor causes the names of the Committees for the ensuing year to be read. They are as follows: George, Lord Berkeley, Sir Samuel Barnardiston, Sir Francis Clarke, Sir James Edwards, Sir John Robinson, Sir Andrew Riccard, Sir William Thomson, Benjamin Albyn, Christopher Boone, John Bathurst, Thomas Canham, Michael Davison, James Houblon, Edward Hopegood, John Jollife, Samuel Moyer, John Morden, John Paige, Daniel Sheldon, Maurice Thomson, Major Robert Thomson, Charles Thorold, Rowland Wynn, and Christopher Willoughby. (¾ *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, APRIL 26, 1672 (*Ibid.*, p. 3).

Sir Andrew Riccard, Sir Samuel Barnardiston, Messrs. Maurice Thomson, Christopher Boone, and Rowland Wynn are desired to undertake the directing and management of the Treasury for the ensuing year, and they, or any two of them, are empowered to act accordingly. The officers of the Company are re-elected according to custom, their annual salaries are as follows: Michael Dunkin, Cashier, at 200*l.*; Richard Harris, his assistant, 90*l.*, and as Housekeeper and Beadle, 30*l.*; Robert Blackborne, Secretary, 200*l.*; Elisha Coles, his assistant, 50*l.*; John Harbert, Accountant-General, 130*l.*; Leventhorp Altham, his

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assistant, 80*l.*; Thomas Butler, clerk assistant, 50*l.*; Samuel South, clerk assistant, 40*l.*; John Hooper, clerk assistant, 30*l.*; Thomas Ashby, clerk assistant, 30*l.*; Humphrey Edwyn, Auditor, 100*l.*; Peter Cossen, assistant, 50*l.*; Abraham Papillon, assistant, 40*l.*; Thomas Sprigg, Husband, 200*l.*; Francis Thompson, his assistant, 80*l.*; George Papillon, Keeper of the Blue Warehouse, 160*l.*; and for managing the candle at sales, 10*l.*; Edward Byrch, assistant in the Treasury, 50*l.*; Charles Aston, Keeper of the Pepper Warehouse, 80*l.*; and as Paymaster of the Mariners, 30*l.*; William Moses, Solicitor, 20*l.*; Captain John Prowd, Surveyor of Shipping, 80*l.*; Thomas Clayton, Doorkeeper, 40*l.* Mr. Davison is desired to examine and report on the bill of Mr. Bullock, chirurgeon. The accounts of Messrs. Green and Boilston to be examined and reported. The Shipping Committee to consider what is fit to be done to secure the vessels expected from India and act accordingly. On petition, the salary of Francis Thompson, assistant to the Husband, is raised from 60*l.* to 80*l.* a year because of his great pains and constant attendance, and he is promised further consideration should there be an enlargement of the Company's trade. The following securities are accepted: George Day in 26*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* for Roger Scattergood, and Samuel Coltman, brewer, and John Jeames in 107*l.* for James Smith. The motion of Mr. Rawlinson concerning the dividend of Mr. Martin to be considered and reported. Calicoes to be delivered free of fine to Francis Keeble, John Parnel, and John Augur. The Governor to be desired to write to Mr. Albyn according to the debate now had. (2 *pp.*)

A Court of Committees, May 1, 1672 (*Ibid.*, p. 5).

The Company's seal to be affixed to a receipt for 617*l.* 5*s.* paid in by George Papillon, being the proceed of part of Mr. Blake's goods. Several letters from the Minister and inhabitants of St. Helena are read, representing the unjust and arbitrary proceedings of the Governor, Captain Cony, and his contempt of the Company's orders; also a report from those appointed to examine the officers of the *Humphrey and Elizabeth*, the last ship from that island; no resolution is come to, but all the Committees present are desired to think of some person qualified for the post of Governor there. All members of the Court are desired to forbear mentioning or divulging abroad any transactions or debates concerning the business of the Company and in no case to make known any discourses of the members. The petition of Humphrey Edwyn representing the promise made if he were diligent and faithful in his

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work as auditor is read, and the Court, being well satisfied, accord him a gratuity of 100*l.* for the time past, with promise of further encouragement if he shall continue his good services. A warrant for 52*s.* to be made out to Captain Robert Medford, who paid that sum to William Nokes, according to a bill of exchange now read. The account of the owners of the *Humphrey and Elizabeth* for provisions left by them at St. Helena is referred to the Committee for Private Trade, who are also desired to consider the request of Thomas Papillon for the delivery, free of fine, of certain morees sent in the said ship for himself, and for the maintenance of Mr. Bridger's two children. The petition of Oliver Mead is also referred to the said Committee. Sir Thomas Wolstenholme, on behalf of the late Farmers, moves for payment of custom not yet fully due on the Company's goods, the Farmers being willing to discount for the same; the matter is referred to the Treasury Committee. (*2 pp.*)

WARRANT TO THE EAST INDIA COMPANY, MAY 2, 1672 (*Public Record Office: S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 31, f. 91).

To give instructions to the commanders of the four ships they had been appointed to entertain into the King's service for three or four months, to be employed as cruisers to the westward, to give notice of the war to all British and Irish ships they shall meet with, in what stations they shall cruise, with such further directions as the Company shall think fit for the better performance of the service.

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, MAY 3, 1672 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 7).

Calicoes to be delivered free of fine to Sir Jeremy Whitchcot, they being sent to him as a present from his kinsman Agent Foxcroft. The election of Benjamin Albyn as one of the Committees for the ensuing year having been questioned at the late scrutiny of votes, it being alleged that he had parted with his adventure, and that John Hobby thought the election fell upon him; this was reported to the generality, who were also told that it would be decided by the Court according to rule. The matter is now debated, the declaration of Albyn touching his interest in the Joint Stock considered, and the question as to whether at the time of the election he had the real adventure of 500*l.* being answered in the affirmative, he takes his oath in the usual way. The bonds of Sir Francis Clarke being discharged are to be cancelled and delivered to him. Payment for freight and demurrage to be made to the owners of the *John and Martha.* Mr. Hopegood's claim to the

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freedom to be examined. The arbitrators named by the Court and Messrs. Sawyer and Billingsley are desired to consider further touching Mr. Stephenson's account, and act in the matter as they see fit. The proposals of Mr. Leshire about money he owes to the Company to be referred to the Committee for Lawsuits. Payment to be made to the owners of the *Golden Fleece* for transporting seventeen passengers, and to Francis Newman, chirurgeon, for head-money at the rate of 5*s.* each person. The Committee for Lawsuits to examine what suits are depending between the Company and others and how they stand, also to give in an account of the disbursements made by Moses. Nathaniel Mounteney is admitted to the freedom by patrimony. The affairs of St. Helena to be considered next Wednesday. (1¾ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, MAY 8, 1672 (*Ibid.*, p. 9).

Musk belonging to Messrs. Cradock and Gray for which they have paid permission being said to be 'sophisticated and of litle value', is to be examined. An account showing that the balance due to the late Farmers of the Customs is 15,206*l.* 4*s.* 7*d.*, the Committee for General Accounts are desired to examine and report on the same. The complaints made by the inhabitants of St. Helena against the Governor, Captain Richard Cony, are taken into consideration, and it appearing that, contrary to express orders given to him, he has managed all affairs there without the assistance of the Council appointed to advise him, to the great disturbance of the island and dissatisfaction of the Company, it is resolved that he shall be discharged from his post and directed to take passage in the first ship to England. Captain Langford and Mr. Beale being recommended as fit persons for the post to be vacated by Cony, Major Thomson and Mr. Paige are requested to ascertain and report on their respective qualifications. The demands of Mr. Martin and others for a shed built by them in Gresham College and now used by the Company as a warehouse, to be examined. An assistant to be chosen to serve under Sambrooke in the Calico Warehouse, and Messrs. Desborough and Russell being recommended, their fitness, or the fitness of any others who shall apply for the post to be ascertained and reported by the Committee for the said warehouse. Certain Committees to report what should be allowed to Mr. Morden for warehouse room with which he accommodated the Company. Mr. Farnworth, who in March last was elected as chaplain for Bombay and given 20*l.* for fresh

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provisions, etc., but did not proceed on the voyage, the matter is referred to certain Committees to ascertain the facts and report. (1¾ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, MAY 10, 1672 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 11).

A charterparty to be drawn up for the *Humphrey and Elizabeth* pursuant to the agreement made with the owners; and the agreements for the ships *Olive Branch* and *St. Anne* to be perfected. It appearing that Edward Hopegood has a right to the freedom of the Company by service, order is given for the 5*l.* deposited on account of his adventure to be repaid him. Messrs. Martin and Wynn to be paid 10*l.* for the materials of a shed they built in Gresham College. Certain Committees to ascertain what cochineal has been shipped out since March 1671, and, if any person has not paid permission for so doing, they are to pay now. The Secretary to attend the Commissioners of Customs with a clause of the Company's charter touching the prevention of private trade, and request that it may be sent to their deputies at Plymouth, Falmouth, and the Isle of Wight. The Governor to be asked to sign the instructions now read for the commanders of the *St. Anne* and the *Olive Branch*. The account of Mrs. Bowtell, printer, to be examined. It is left to the discretion of the Treasury Committee to continue or take up money at interest at five per cent as occasion shall require. The petition of Richard Wright for abatement of the interest and some part of the principal he owes the Company is referred to the Committee for Lawsuits. Some sweepings of pepper in the *John and Martha* sold by the boatswain to Oliver Mead and by him to one Manning, having been seized by the Company's officers and Mead arrested and imprisoned, the matter is referred to the Committee for Private Trade. Certain Committees are desired to ascertain from Captain Langford whether he is willing to enter the Company's service and on what terms, and if he is not, then to inquire as to the ability and fitness of Mr. Beale and report. Mr. Wright, who has bought an adventure of 200*l.* from Mr. Bull for James Butler of Amberley, requests that in the absence of Butler he may be allowed to subscribe the acceptance; he is told that on producing a power of attorney from Butler he may do so. A letter from Lord Leigh and the trustees of the late Duchess Dudley is read and referred for consideration. (1¾ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, MAY 13, 1672 (*Ibid.*, p. 13).

Some calicoes to be delivered to Isaac Foxcroft free of fine, they

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being for the use of his wife and son, the fine for those remaining to be put to the account of Agent Foxcroft. John Morden to be paid 10*l.* for the use of his vault. The sum of 5*l.* to be charged Matthew Andrews for permission he omitted to pay on some cochineal lately shipped out by him. It is left to the discretion of the Governor and Deputy what gratuity to give to 'a person that hath lately done the Company good service', the amount not to exceed 5*l.* Mr. Moyer to join the Committee for Shipping and Plantations. Captain Langford's decision as to whether he will enter the service of the Company to be ascertained and reported next Wednesday when a Governor is to be chosen for St. Helena. Mr. Tilliard advising that the owners of the *Newland Merchant* wish him to be liable for the freight of their ship and her men's wages, the Court give order for him to be written to and told to agree to this, and they will indemnify him. (1 *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, MAY 15, 1672 (*Ibid.*, p. 14).

Mr. Martin requesting that the Company will detain the dividend of 20 per cent payable on the adventure of Mr. James till the case in Chancery touching it has been heard, he is told that the Court will take Counsel's advice about it. Lord Leigh to be told of the order made by the Court in February, 1671, wherein are stated the conditions on which they are willing to accept the trust of receiving and disposing of the money left by the late Duchess Dudley for redemption of captives. Mr. Paige to be allowed 200*l.* for hire of the *Anne* for four months, the Company to make good the said vessel (now valued at 650*l.*) if she shall be lost through an enemy, she to be entertained upon anchoring at Gravesend, and discharged in the Downs or some western port. Francis Thacker is admitted to the freedom by patrimony. Payment to be made to Messrs. Cradock and Gray. A satisfactory account being received concerning Anthony Beale he is elected Governor of St. Helena at a salary of 50*l.* a year. A transfer of 500*l.* made by Gilbert Thacker, signed by the Mayor of Derby and attested under his hand and seal is approved. On advice received from Lisbon that the King of Portugal will grant commissions to some Englishmen to trade in the East Indies, the Court desire certain of the Committees to consider and report what provision is made by any treaties, proclamations, or other acts of State for preventing the inconvenience that may thereby arise to the Company. The same Committees are also desired to consider and report on advice received of the intention of the French to settle a factory in

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the Straits for sale of their East Indian commodities. The Shipping Committee to entertain this afternoon such soldiers as are given in a list furnished by Captain Langford for St. Helena, direct the payment of the Captain's charges, and consider what provisions are necessary to be made for that island and order the purchase of the same. Instructions prepared for the *Alicant* and *Newland Merchant* to be signed by the Governor. (*2 pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, MAY 17, 1672 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 16).

The Committee for Lawsuits to consider and report on the desire of Mr. Rawlinson touching Mr. Martin's adventure, the debt of Mr. Paige, and ascertain how much of the ten per cent due on pepper sold at the last sale is still owing, and cause summons to be issued to all who have not paid; also to report concerning the expedient proposed for the speedier payment of debts. The Shipping Committee to give directions for procuring and entertaining soldiers for St. Helena, and cause the agreement drawn up for the *Anne* to be perfected. The Committees for the accounts of Sambrooke to view from time to time all damaged calicoes and other goods at Leadenhall and make what allowance on them they see fit. At the request of Thomas Turner, executor to the late William Turner, the dispute between the latter and the Company is referred to arbitration. It is left to the Governor, Deputy, and Shipping Committee to give such advice and instructions from time to time to the 'four adviser ships that are to ply to the westward as shall be needful for carrying on that affair'. The owners of the *Humphrey and Elizabeth* to be paid 1,600*l.* in part of her freight. Certain Committees to ascertain what goods remain undelivered in the respective warehouses for which a time limit of one per cent is allowed, and the names of those who have received the said allowance but not fetched away their goods. It is resolved to reconsider the granting of the respite of one per cent. (1¾ *p.*)

PHILIP LANYON AT PLYMOUTH TO JAMES HICKES, MAY 19, 1672 (*Public Record Office: S.P./Dom., Car.* II. 309, no. 32).

. . . The Three East India ships which came yesterday are here yet, waiting orders. Three ships of this place are fitting out, employed by the East India Company's agent here to meet the India ships to advise them how affairs stand.

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FRANCIS MILLINGTON TO SIR JOSEPH WILLIAMSON, MAY 21, 1672 (*Ibid.*, no. 63.)

Last night Lord Arlington commanded me to attend the Governor of the East India Company, and bring him the news they received by the three East India ships arrived, and particularly when the Dutch East India ships might depart thence. I was accordingly with the Company this morning, but not having perused their letters, they told me the Governor would wait on my Lord, as soon as they had debated the substance of them, and give him an account thereof. . . .

MINUTE IN SIR JOSEPH WILLIAMSON'S HAND, MAY 21, 1672 (*Ibid.*, no. 68).

Of orders dispatched by Prince Rupert. The *Newcastle* to convoy the East India ships into the Downs. . . . As they pass Dover to send to the Governor for news, and, as they hear the passage clear, to proceed for the river, and not to leave the merchantmen till they see them over the Flats. . . .

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, MAY 21, 1672 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 18).

Letters from Surat brought by the *London*, which arrived at Plymouth the 18th instant, letters from Bantam brought by the *Unicorn* and *Unity*, and letters from the Governor of St. Helena are read. Letters to be written to Captain Privet to direct him and the other ships to sail for the river at the first opportunity, and both the Plymouth cruisers, or at least one of them, if ready, to go with them. The two cruisers to have instructions sent them to ply to the westward and try to meet the East India ships, acquaint them with the affairs in the Downs, etc., and accompany them into Margate Road. The Governor to procure three protections for the said ships to be sent by this post. (½ *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, MAY 22, 1672 (*Ibid.*, p. 19).

The adventure Mr. Rawlinson desires should be transferred to him is to remain in Mr. Martin's name until the business of Messrs. Paige and Cook is finished. A letter from Isaac Tilliard is read, advising that men have been pressed out of the *London*, *Unicorn*, and *Unity*; hereupon the Governor is requested to acquaint Prince Rupert with this and endeavour to obtain the discharge of the said men, also a protection

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for the *John and Margaret* which is expected at Plymouth. The owners of the *Humphrey and Elizabeth* to be paid 1,534*l.* 13*s.* 10*d.* in full of her freight. The petition of Mary Pierson for liberty to go to her husband at St. Helena with her two children is referred for examination. The Accountant-General is directed to allow no more than the bare discount on bills of parcels for money paid in for goods bought at the last sale, and the percentage mentioned in the preamble for clearing goods is only to be given to the buyers on producing certificates to show that their goods have been taken away. This order to be notified by the warehousekeepers to all buyers at the last sale, whose names are to be noted and the time when they were told of this. The Committee for Accounts to settle the method to be used by the cashier in paying the said percentage. (1½ *pp.*)

JAMES HOUBLON TO SIR JOSEPH WILLIAMSON, MAY 22, 1672 (*Public Record Office: S.P. Dom., Car.* II. 309, no. 83).

. . . I suppose the Governor has brought you the abstract of the letters, which should have been better done had I had longer time.

TREASURY MINUTE, MAY 22, 1672 (*Public Record Office: Out Letters General* III, p. 119).

Write the Attorney-General presently to send on Friday next the report concerning the East India ships, viz. the *Leopard* and others, and the freight thereon due from said Company to the King.

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, MAY 24, 1672 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 20).

A report from the Committees desired to consider a method of allowing the percentage to buyers according to the preamble of the last sale is now read and approved by the Court. The Shipping Committee to provide single and double rials to the value of 200*l.* to be sent in the *Humphrey and Elizabeth.* The owners of the *Anne* to be paid 40*l.* for five passengers carried out to India on the Company's account. The account of John Bennet to be examined. Matthew Brown to be paid 5*l.* for piloting the *Anne* into the Downs. (1¾ *pp.*)

PRINCE RUPERT TO SIR PHILIP HONYWOOD, MAY 25, 1672 (*Public Record Office: S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 39, p. 31).

. . . As the East India ships and other merchantmen now ordered

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from the westward, under convoy of the *Nightingale*, will call at Portsmouth for intelligence, the said merchantmen and all others bound eastward are to put into that port till they have notice that the coast is free. . . .

PHILIP LANYON AT PLYMOUTH TO JAMES HICKES, MAY 26, 1672 (*Public Record Office: S.P. Dom., Car.* II. 309, no. 155).

This evening two ships arrived, one from the eastward, employed by the East India Company to cruise for their ships, the other from Limerick. . . .

PHILIP LANYON AT PLYMOUTH TO JAMES HICKES, MAY 28, 1672 (*Ibid.*, 310, no. 27).

But two ships have arrived since my last. One with three others is gone to cruise for our East India ships. . . .

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, MAY 31, 1672 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 23).

The Deputy Governor reports that he has received a letter from Sir Joseph Williamson advising that Prince Rupert has sent orders for the East India ships 'to move upwards', he also tells of letters written by advice of the Committees on the 25th and 28th instant for the Company's ships to stop at St. Helen's, Spithead, or Portsmouth, there to await further directions. The Deputy is hereupon desired to wait on Prince Rupert and pray that the convoy may be ordered to stop at Spithead with the East India ships until they receive further orders. (½ *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JUNE 5, 1672 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 24).

The Treasury Committee to affix the Company's seal to the charter-party of the *Humphrey and Elizabeth*. Certain Committees are desired to consider and send in a written report how the percentage mentioned in the preamble may be paid with most convenience to buyers, and to officers of the warehouses when the goods are cleared. Mr. Prescot's bill to be examined. The petition of Robert Davis is read and referred to the Committee for Lawsuits, who are to consider his present condition and report. The owners of the *John and Martha* to be paid 1,000*l.* upon account of freight. Mrs. Cony begs that her husband may be

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continued in the Company's service, as she understands from a consultation lately held by the commanders now returned that the differences between him and the inhabitants of the island have been composed. The Court, after reading a copy of the consultation and of a letter left at the island by the said commanders, decide to adhere to their former resolution of discharging Captain Cony. The allegation of Mr. Woolley, that some bettellees were missing from a bale he bought, is referred for examination. Captain Harman having been written to and advised to let Captain Basse assist him with the *Unicorn* in case his sickness should disable him, and Basse having been also written to, the owners of the said ship are informed; they express approval and promise to send written orders to the same effect. Anthony Beale to be allowed 10*l.* for fresh provisions in his voyage to St. Helena, and 10*l.* for assisting Captain Prowd for the last nine months in surveying ships for the service of the Company. The Deputy reports that Prince Rupert has ordered the commander of the *Newcastle* to stop at St. Helen's with the Company's ships as desired. Mr. Humphrey Vernon, minister, is granted remission of the 5*l.* fine due for his adventure. (1¾ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JUNE 7, 1672 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 26).

A letter from Mr. Tilliard and Captain Heaton dated the 4th instant is read, and intelligence, received from other sources, that the Dutch have gone into the Goree and that the King's fleet is at the buoy of the Nore considered, and order given for instructions to be sent to the Company's ships on arriving at Spithead to come with the convoy appointed to the Thames, accompanied by the two advisers. Mr. Wright to be sued for recovery of the money he owes the Company. The Committee for Lawsuits to direct Moses from time to time to sue such persons as refuse to comply with their contracts and from whom no debt is likely to be recovered by any other means. The charterparties of the *Alicant* and *Newland Merchant* to have the Company's seal affixed to their counterparts after approval by the Shipping Committee. (1¼ *pp.*)

TREASURY MINUTE, JUNE 7, 1672 (*Public Record Office: Treasury Minute Book* iv, pp. 279–80).

Upon Sir John Banks's motion my Lords order to renew the orders for the transporting of guns for the taking of 40*s.* upon iron guns and only pay 5 according to the last orders for the East India Company.

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MR. WACHTENDONK TO SIR J. VAN WACHTENDONK, JUNE 7, 1672 (*Public Record Office: S.P. Dom., Car.* II. 311, no. 17).

I saw yesterday about 40 soldiers at the East India House that are to go to St. Helena. The ship that is to carry them and the goods thither does not go to the East Indies, but is to remain there awhile and wait for the East India ships expected next spring to give them warning. . . .

SIR J. WILLIAMSON TO THE DEPUTY GOVERNOR OF PORTSMOUTH, JUNE 7, 1672 (*Public Record Office: S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 39, p. 45).

Prince Rupert having ordered the East India ships lately arrived in the West to stay at Portsmouth for orders, now sends the enclosed directions to them to proceed on their way, which are to be communicated to them when they reach St. Helen's or Spithead, and you are to see the order obeyed. . . .

HUGH SALESBURY AT PORTSMOUTH TO SIR JOSEPH WILLIAMSON, JUNE 8, 1672 (*Public Record Office: S.P. Dom., Car.* II. 311, no. 34).

. . . The three East India ships that were at Plymouth are expected here, but at 9 p.m. had not arrived.

SIR PHILIP HONYWOOD AT PORTSMOUTH TO SIR JOSEPH WILLIAMSON, JUNE 8, 1672 (*Ibid.*, no. 35).

I have just received yours with His Royal Highness's order enclosed, for the East India ships, if here, to proceed to the river with their convoy. As soon as any of them arrive I shall send the order on board, and I have ordered all the ships here bound for the river to be ready against the convoy touching here.

HUGH SALESBURY AT PORTSMOUTH TO SIR JOSEPH WILLIAMSON, JUNE 10, 1672 (*Ibid.*, no. 64).

We are expecting the three East India ships that were at Plymouth to stop here, to take with them the merchantmen here bound for London.

TREASURY MINUTE, JUNE 10, 1672 (*Public Record Office: Treasury Minute Book* iv, pp. 281–4).

A report about the East India Company is read. The Attorney-General to be attended about it towards the end of the term.

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RICHARD WATTS AT DEAL TO SIR JOSEPH WILLIAMSON, JUNE 11, 1672 (*Public Record Office: S.P. Dom., Car.* II. 311, no. 83).

. . . This morning the *Constant Warwick* and *Falcon* came into the Downs, said to be bound westward to convoy our East India ships to the river. . . .

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JUNE 12, 1672 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 27).

A report on the debt owing by Robert Davis is read and approved. The Committee for Accounts to consider the present state of the Company's books and prescribe a method for carrying on their accounts and the annual balancing of the same. The Governor to fill in the blank in Captain Midford's instructions appointing the place to which the Company's homeward-bound ships are to go on leaving St. Helena. The *Humphrey and Elizabeth* to touch at the Madeiras for refreshment of her men on her way to St. Helena, a clause to this effect to be inserted in Midford's instructions, and 50*l.* or 100*l.* to be supplied to buy wine for the ship's company and for the officers and soldiers at St. Helena. Mr. Hayes demanding some baftas he bought, it is found that only some of greater value are left, therefore order is given for these to be delivered to him on the understanding that he shall give 'somewhat considerably to the poore's box'. (1½ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JUNE 14, 1672 (*Ibid.*, p. 29).

A report from the Committee for Accounts is read; it is to the following effect: they advise that the transfer of accounts to new books should be postponed until next year, and that Altham in the meantime should transfer the titles of accounts into the ledger and keep it posted in the course of the Company's trade, while some other person should be appointed to do the balancing; that Harbert should confine his attention to writing the Journal, directing the other clerks and assistants in their work and inspecting the same; he is also to sign the ships' accounts; while Butler is to make up all accounts of shipping and discounts; that the keeper of the Pepper Warehouse should have two books to use alternately each month, and thus allow the Auditor and Accountant to examine one whilst he enters accounts into the other. With regard to the matter of discounts upon interest, which is very troublesome and takes up much of the accountant's time, the Committee advise the Company to allow direct interest, and if this is thought to be a loss, then

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to allow the Court to "take off as much in point of time as will countervail the same". The Court approve of all but the last clause, which is referred for further consideration. The request of Mr. Briscoe for allowance on some of the pepper he bought, it not being as good as the rest, is agreed to. Order is given for 44s., demanded by Mr. Warren as 'Trophy money' for the Company's House, to be paid, a promise being given to forbear assessing the Company in 'like kind' in future. The Committees for Writing Letters to consider and prepare letters for Surat to be sent overland. (*2 pp.*)

THE COMPANY TO CAPTAIN ROBERT MEDFORD, JUNE 14, 1672 (*Letter Book*, vol. iv, p. 549).

Have taken into their service the *Humphrey and Elizabeth* (of which ship he is commander), victualled, manned and furnished her with artillery and ammunition, caused to be laden on board, provisions, guns and ammunition for their island of St. Helena and chosen Captain Anthony Beale to be Governor there. They have also sent several soldiers who are to take passage in the said ship for that island. Having delivered Medford a commission from his Royal Highness for command of the *Humphrey and Elizabeth* and for observing such orders as the Company shall give, they now require him to use all diligence to get into the Downs and from thence, wind and weather permitting, to St. Helena, where on arrival he is to land such soldiers and passengers as are aboard and deliver the artillery and ammunition to the Governor and Council. During his stay at the island he and his company are to assist in bettering and furthering the fortifications there as the Governor and Council shall desire, and to keep his ship in a good posture of defence in case of an attack by the enemy. About November some of the Company's ships should arrive at the island from the Coast of Coromandel and from Bantam. Medford is to wait for these, but not after May 1, 1673, when he is to leave with any that are there; they are to keep company together and assist each other if attacked. He is to keep the Company advised as to his movements as opportunity shall present, and is especially directed to maintain the worship of God and the observation of the Lord's Day in his ship, to take good care of his men, especially of any who are sick, treat Captain Beale, who is to have the great cabin for himself and his family, with all civility and respect, and on arriving at the island assist him in settling good order, both as to its government and defence. The former Governor, Captain Cony, is to

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return in the *Humphrey and Elizabeth*, have the great cabin, and be treated with all civility. Medford is directed to assist any ships he shall meet belonging to His Majesty's subjects that shall be engaged with the enemy or in danger, and direct commanders to keep all clear between decks for their better defence and safety. On returning from his voyage he is to render up all arms, guns, powder and shot he shall have remaining. With the money supplied to him he is to buy five pipes of wine at the Madeiras, three for the use of his ship and two for St. Helena, also some 'Beverage wine' and some fresh provisions, and give in an account of these on his return. (1½ *pp.*)

THE COMPANY TO CAPTAIN RICHARD CONY, JUNE 14, 1672 (*Letter Book*, vol. iv, p. 553).

When they entertained him into their service as Governor of St. Helena they gave him instructions to manage affairs there with the advice and consent of the Council, to observe the Company's orders and directions for the good government of that place, and to administer justice impartially for encouragement of the inhabitants, and doubted not of his complyance. But having received 'many large complaints' of his acting contrary to these orders, by which the peace of the island has been disturbed and its safety greatly endangered, they have discharged him from that employment and sent Captain Anthony Beale (who takes his passage in the *Humphrey and Elizabeth*) to succeed as Governor, unto whom on his arrival Coney is to deliver up the government with all things belonging to the Company, and take passage for England in the *Humphrey and Elizabeth*. In case Captain Beale should die before arriving at St. Helena, Captain Robert Mitford is appointed to succeed as Governor there, and should he die then Lieutenant Nicholas Lewis is to take the post, to either of whom Coney is to deliver up the government as fully as he is enjoined to do should Captain Beale live and arrive in safety. (½ *p.*)

PHILIP LANYON AT PLYMOUTH TO JAMES HICKES, JUNE 16, 1672 (*Public Record Office: S.P. Dom., Car.* II. 311, no. 165).

. . . Here is a great and rich fleet, five East India ships, one from Smyrna, and many big Virginia ships and others, in all above 60, bound eastwards, waiting for a fair wind, under convoy of the *Newcastle* and *Welcome* with two East India advisers.

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THE EARL OF ARLINGTON TO PRINCE RUPERT, JUNE 17, 1672 (*Public Record Office: S.P. Dom. Entry Book* 39, *p.* 55).

. . . Lord Clifford mentions a verbal order received from the King this afternoon that Your Highness should send to Portsmouth to take off the restraint now lying on the East India and plantation ships from the westward so that they may be able to proceed up the Channel.

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JUNE 18, 1672 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 31).

Letters from Surat and St. Helena read. (½ *p.*)

THE GOVERNOR TO THE COMMANDERS OF THE SHIPS IN THE SERVICE OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY EXPECTED AT ST. HELENA ABOUT APRIL, 1673, JUNE 18, 1672 (*Letter Book*, vol. iv, p. 553).

In these times of trouble it is not convenient to have it known publicly at what port in Europe they may be expected, and that this may be kept secret he has been deputed to advise them, but as affairs now stand 'it cannot well be certainly fixed'. Directs them to use their best endeavours to speak with any vessel they may see outward-bound in order to ascertain how affairs stand in Europe, but if they see none then to sail unto and there await orders from the Company. *Signed* John Banks, Governor. To be opened by the Governor of St. Helena upon the arrival of the first ship. (½ *p.*)

THE GOVERNOR TO CAPTAIN ANTHONY BEALE, JUNE 18, 1672 (*Letter Book*, vol. iv, p. 554).

Encloses a letter to the commanders of the Company's ships expected from India at St. Helena about April, 1673. This is not to be opened till one of them arrives, but then the contents are to be communicated and secrecy strictly enjoined. The Captain is to keep the letter and inform any other ship that shall arrive of its contents. *Signed* John Banks, Governor. (½ *p*).

THE COMPANY TO CAPTAIN MITTFORD, JUNE 18, 1672 (*Ibid.*, p. 554).

Having duly considered the present state of affairs, they direct him at the first opportunity to start on his designed voyage. He is to call at Plymouth, send to Isaac Tillard and if he has received no order from them, Mitford is to set sail immediately. (½ *p.*)

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A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JUNE 19, 1672 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 31).

William Mainston to be paid 100*l.* on account. Letters are read from the Agent and Council at Bantam, sent in the *Ann*, commanded by Captain Zachary Brown. The Committee for the Calico Warehouse to report which of the persons recommended as assistant to Sambrooke is fittest to be entertained. The Committee for Accounts to consider what increase should be made in the salaries of the two under-clerks in the Acountant's Office, and ascertain the abilities of Mr. Hooper and Mr. Ashby and report. It is decided to elect an assistant to the Auditor in the room of the late Mr. Papillon and certain Committees are directed to ascertain and report on the qualifications of Messrs. Dickenson, Hayes, and Tirlington, who are recommended as fit for that post. The Court approve of what has been written to Tilliard about the Prize brought in by the commander of the *Olive Branch*. Upon application by James Hayes and other linendrapers concerned in the last sale, their desires regarding the payment of allowance of one, two and three per cent are to be considered. (1¼ *pp.*)

HUGH SALESBURY AT PORTSMOUTH TO SIR JOSEPH WILLIAMSON, JUNE 20, 1672 (*Public Record Office: S.P. Dom., Car.* II. 311, no. 211).

. . . To-day came to Spithead five East India ships, and several other merchantmen, convoyed by the *Newcastle*. . .

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JUNE 21, 1672 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 33).

The petition of Charles Aston is referred to the Shipping Committee. The Committee for Lawsuits to consider and report what is the best course to be taken for the speedy recovery of debts, and for clearing the warehouses. A humble address to be made to the King praying that the Ambassadors now going to Holland may be instructed to see provided that what injuries or damage either Company have sustained by the other in the East Indies or in their passage to or from thence since the last Articles of peace, or the late breach, or at least from June 20, 1672, may be repaid and made good to those who have suffered, by those who have done the wrong. And in case a treaty shall be proceeded in, that the Company may be notified that they may humbly present to His Majesty what is needful for the better settlement and carrying on of their trade. And if time will not permit of this, that then there may be a particular

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article referring to a treaty to be made afterwards for settling and management of the East India trade in future, to prevent misunderstandings and wrongs. (1 *p.*)

THE COMPANY'S MEMORIAL TO THE KING, JUNE 20, 1672 (*Public Record Office: C.O.* 77, vol. xii, f. 54).

Humbly praying that the Ambassadors now going to Holland may have instructions to see it provided that what injuries or damages either Company have sustained by the other in the Indies since the last articles of peace, or the late breach, or that shall be done from this present June 20, 1672, may be repaired and made good to them that shall be found so to have suffered, by them that have done the wrong. And in case the treaty shall be proceeded in, that the Company may have notice whereby they may represent what shall be needful for the better settlement and carrying on of their trade. And if time will not permit it to be done at this present treaty, they humbly pray there may be a general article referring to a treaty to be afterwards had for the settling and management of the East India trade in future, to prevent misunderstandings and wrongs. *Signed* John Banks, Governor.

THE KING'S INSTRUCTIONS TO THE DUKE OF BUCKINGHAM AND LORD ARLINGTON, AMBASSADORS EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARIES, TO TREAT AND CONCLUDE A PEACE WITH THE STATES-GENERAL OR ANY OTHER PRINCES AND STATES CONCERNED IN THE PRESENT WAR, WHITEHALL, JUNE 21, 1672 (*Public Record Office: S.P. Holland*, vol. 189, f. 66).

. . . You shall procure an adjustment of trade in the East Indies, as We have desired formerly. . . (4¼ *pp.*)

TREASURY WARRANT TO THE CASHIER OF THE CUSTOMS, JUNE 21, 1672 (*Public Record Office: Money Book, Customs*, p. 59).

By the Treasury warrant of the 17th instant you are to pay 14,000*l.* to Sir Thomas Osborne, viz. 4,000*l.* thereof upon bonds given for payment of customs at two six months, and 10,000*l.* out of the customs of the East India ships lately arrived.

HUGH SALESBURY AT PORTSMOUTH TO SIR JOSEPH WILLIAMSON, JUNE 22, 1672 (*Public Record Office: S.P. Dom., Car.* II. 311, no. 245).

The East India ships continue at Spithead. They are loth to venture, having only the *Newcastle* for their convoy, being of opinion that a

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Hamburger that came with them from Plymouth, and that they lost in thick weather, has given notice to the Dutch of their coming for the Downs.

CAPTAIN ANTHONY LANGSTON AT PORTSMOUTH TO THE NAVY COMMISSIONERS, JUNE 22, 1672 (*Public Record Office: S.P. Dom., Car.* II. 331, no. 237).

. . . Our convoy is disabled already by the pressing of all the men out of several ships by the *Portsmouth* sloop, which, I doubt, will be deeply resented by the East India Company and other merchants, when a fleet of 2,000,000*l.* concern shall be laid up for the pressing of 40 men.

PHILIP LANYON AT PLYMOUTH TO JAMES HICKES, JUNE 23, 1672 (*Public Record Office: S.P. Dom., Car.* II. 311, no. 253).

The *Nightingale* met four East India ships last Thursday, and is just come in with them. . .

HUGH SALESBURY AT PORTSMOUTH TO SIR JOSEPH WILLIAMSON, JUNE 25, 1672 (*Public Record Office: S.P. Dom., Car.* II. 312, no. 23).

The wind being S.S.W. the ships in harbour cannot get out, else the *Newcastle* and the East India ships had sailed for the Downs. A very great fleet of merchantmen from several parts very richly laden is here now. It is a great pity there is not more than the *Newcastle* to convoy them.

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JUNE 26, 1672 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 34).

Mr. Francia's request to be allowed for some bettellees missing in a bale bought by Mr. Woolley to be considered. Mr. Mainston's paper touching St. Helena to be referred to the Shipping Committee, who are to consider it, prepare additional instructions for the Governor and Council there, with directions for 'the due abeazance' of the inhabitants to them, and what power the commanders of ships shall have during their stay at the island. Certain Committees to confer with the Treasury Committee and consider the best way to manage the Company's trade for the ensuing year, 'having respect to the contingency of publique affairs, either as to peace or warr'. The Treasury Committee to be desired forthwith to pay upon discount all money owing on the Company's bonds to the King, even though not yet due, and also 10,000*l.*, on

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the same discount, on account of customs for the ships now arrived, as soon as they are entered. Moses to begin proceedings against Messrs. Peryn, Leshire, Doyley, Collins, Wright, and Davis. A letter to be sent to the four ships now arrived at Plymouth, with directions for them to sail to Spithead. Orders sent by the Deputy to the commanders of the *Antelope* and *John and Margaret* to come into the Thames with the other ships under convoy of the *Newcastle* are approved. The Coast and Bay Committee to acquaint the Committee for Debts with the Company's demands on Mr. Rogers. 'Three watchmen extraordinary' to be entertained to watch in the streets all night before Gresham College, Leadenhall, and the Company's House, 'for the better securing the Company's concerns in these times of danger'. (*2 pp.*)

A COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER HOW BEST TO CARRY ON THE TRADE TO INDIA NEXT YEAR, JUNE 26, 1672 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvA, p. 100).

Pursuant to an order of Court, the Committee, after some debate, agree that ten ships, burden from 300 tons to 500 tons, shall be provided and made ready by November 10 next, to be disposed of as shall be thought best for the Company's service. That the Treasury Committee shall be desired to buy what bullion of gold and silver they can; the Committee for Buying Goods to purchase the commodities advised; the Court of Committees to consider what ships and commanders now arrived or expected are fittest for the intended voyage; and the Committee for Writing Letters to write overland for goods to be provided as formerly, with what additions or alterations they think best. *Appended is a list of the names and tonnage of twenty ships.* (*1 p.*)

THE COMPANY TO ISAAC TILLIARD [AT PLYMOUTH], JUNE 27, 1672 (*Letter Book*, vol. iv, p. 554).

Acknowledge his letter of yesterday giving the welcome news of the arrival of the *Sampson*, *Massingberd*, *East India Merchant*, and *European*. Enclose their letter to Captain Mittford to whom they have given orders to remain at Plymouth till further commands. Desire Tilliard to assist Mittford in procuring provisions. (*¼ p.*)

THE COMPANY TO CAPTAIN ROBERT MITTFORD, JUNE 27, 1672 (*Letter Book*, vol. iv, p. 554).

Order him to remain at Plymouth until further directions from them. During his stay there he is to refresh his men with provisions from ashore, but to be frugal in his expenses. (*⅛ p.*)

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A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JUNE 28, 1672 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 36).

Sir Samuel Barnardiston and Mr. Sheldon to represent to Prince Rupert the long time the Company's ships have been detained at Spithead, and beg His Highness to give directions that they may sail immediately from thence with the fleet for the Thames. A letter to be sent overland to Surat is read and approved, and others are ordered to be written for dispatch to the Coast and Bay. A transfer of 400*l.* from Thomas Winter to Charles Chambrelane, which was not bought by Winter but passed to him by way of mortgage for money lent since his giving security to the Company for his brother Sir Edward Winter's faithful service, is approved. Certain Committees to examine the account of Captain Cony and ascertain how Captain Stringer's salary was paid. As a mark of respect Sir George Downing is admitted to the freedom gratis. The last quarter's salary of the late Abraham Papillon to be paid to his widow. Buyers to be notified to fetch away their goods from the warehouses. The Committees for the Calico and Pepper Warehouses to consider what room is wanting, view the warehouses at Blackwell Hall belonging to the Governors of Christ Church Hospital, ascertain whether they are commodious enough for the Company's service and on what terms they may be had. A satisfactory account being received of the abilities and good demeanour of Caleb Tirlington, he is elected assistant to the Auditor at a salary of 40*l.* per annum in the room of the late Abraham Papillon. The salaries of John Hooper and Thomas Ashby, assistant clerks in the Accountant's Office, are increased to forty pounds per annum. (1¾ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JUNE 28, 1672 [AFTERNOON] (*Ibid.*, p. 38).

Letters directed to the four ships expected from Plymouth are read and signed by the Governor, also those to the commanders of the Company's ships that should be at Spithead. A fine of 4*d.* per pound to be put on white pepper brought home as private trade. Rowland Wynn is added to the Committee for Buying Goods. (½ *p.*)

HUGH SALESBURY AT PORTSMOUTH TO SIR JOSEPH WILLIAMSON, JUNE 28, 1672 (*Public Record Office: S.P. Dom. Car.* II. 312, no. 53).

The *Guinea Frigate* sailed out to-day, in addition to the *Newcastle* and *Dragon*, that were at Spithead before, so there will be a good convoy for the East India ships, and the many other rich ships now waiting for one to go to the Thames.

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A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JULY 1, 1672 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 39).

The Governor reports that last night at 10 o'clock he was summoned to attend the King at Whitehall, who told him of 'the great care he had for preserving the East India Fleet in this present juncture of affairs'. That as His Royal Highness had gone with the fleet to the northward and it was uncertain what course the Dutch fleet would take, His Majesty had sent three expresses, one to Dover, another to Rye, and the third to Portsmouth to order the fleet, if at Dover or Rye and unable to get through to the Downs and river, to return immediately to Spithead, but if still at Portsmouth then to secure themselves as they see fit. The Governor also states that he himself wrote three letters to this effect to the commanders of the Company's ships, copies of which are now read and approved. Order is given for advice to be sent to the said commanders at Spithead to remain there, it being judged safest; to keep a good watch, and be ready in case of danger to go to Portsmouth. Captains Heaton and Hiway to cruise to the eastward at a convenient distance and give notice by signs of any approaching danger, but if the King or Prince order the convoy and merchant ships there to come away before they have any further directions from hence, then the Court think they should come away with them. The Governor to be desired to present to the King the Memorial and Articles now read which were delivered to Lord Arlington on July 2, 1669. Order is also given for an additional Memorial to be prepared, to be presented to the King, of what is fit in this present juncture with Holland, for the restitution of Damm Island, or any other particulars, this to be ready by next Wednesday for the Court to see. (1¼ *pp.*)

HUGH SALESBURY AT PORTSMOUTH TO SIR JOSEPH WILLIAMSON, JULY 1, 1672 (*Public Record Office: S.P. Dom., Car.* II. 312, no. 107).

. . . Wind E.S.E. and blows so that the East India ships cannot sail.

HUGH SALESBURY AT PORTSMOUTH TO SIR JOSEPH WILLIAMSON, JULY 2, 1672 (*Public Record Office: S.P. Dom., Car.* II. 312, no. 123).

Last night came a messenger on purpose with orders to the captain of the *Newcastle* to give notice to all the East India and other merchant ships at Spithead to come into harbour for their security, and the Governor of the East India Company sent express orders to all their commanders to get their ships into safety, so our harbour is now full of ships of great value. . . .

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A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JULY 3, 1672 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 40).

Certain Committees to examine and report on the bills now produced for repairing the Company's Almhouse at Poplar. Mr. Lucas requesting payment of the 100*l.*, part of the freight of the *Zant Frigate*, detained because a bale of goods was found to be missing in her last voyage to the Coast and which Lucas has been told is in India, certain Committees are to read the last advices from the Coast concerning this matter and ascertain whether Lucas has paid the relations of the seamen in the *Zant* and *Advance* the one month's pay in six, due to them by charter-party. George Foxcroft, late Agent at Fort St. George, and Jeremy Sambrooke having returned from India present themselves to the Court. Robert Dodd to be paid 10*l.* for provisions delivered to the *Humphrey and Elizabeth*. The petition of Sybil Bentam to be examined. On consideration of the request of Captain Miller concerning several goods brought home in the *John and Martha* for account of the owners, over and above the five per cent allowed which by charterparty should pay 40*l.* per ton, the Court declare that for all excess of tonnage in ships already returned or that shall return from Surat, the Coast and Bay, Bantam and the South Seas, twenty marks per ton shall be taken, unless directions to the contrary are given, and commend this to the notice of the Committee for Private Trade, who are to cause the accounts of the said ships to be made up accordingly. The Husband is also ordered to present a list of the private trade of each ship. Mr. Cox asking for the proceeds of some white pepper sent home by Mr. Mainston in the *Coast Frigate*, he is told that this was consigned by bill of lading to the Company, and that he can demand satisfaction for it from Mainston, who is now in town. (1½ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JULY 5, 1672 (*Ibid.*, p. 42).

A letter to be written to the commanders of the Company's ships at Portsmouth to direct them to come about for the river with the convoy. Captain Prowd to hire a smack and sail into the Downs to meet the said ships there, and advise with the commanders which shall be most convenient, to come over the Flats or through the King's Channel. The Governor to move Prince Rupert so that if the commanders judge it inconvenient to come over the Flats then the convoy and the King's ships in the Downs may be ordered to see them so far into the King's Channel as may secure them from danger. A clause to be inserted in

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all charterparties obliging the commanders employed by the Company to observe the directions of this Court, and of the Company's Presidents, Agents, Chiefs, and Council for keeping company with their ships, both in the outward and homeward voyage. The question as to what security is to be demanded from Mr. Russell, nominated to be assistant to Sambrooke, is referred to the Committee for the latter's accounts and to the Husband. Isaac Tilliard's account for setting out the *Alicant* and the *Newland Merchant*, and for supplying the *London* is referred to the Shipping Committee. A bill of exchange for 470*l.*, drawn on the Governor by Isaac Tilliard, payable to Sir John Frederick, etc., is accepted. Mrs. Flora Cony to be paid 20*l.* in part of her husband's salary. On a report received of the finding in India of the bale of goods for which 100*l.* was detained from Mr. Lucas, and that therefore the said sum should be repaid, order is given for a letter to be written to him to say that the Court will 'take it well' from him if he lets the money remain in the Company's hands towards payment of what is due to the relations of the men serving in his ships, the *Advance* and *Zant* frigates, 'for avoyding of clamour'. (1¾ *pp.*)

THE COMPANY TO CONSUL DELANOY [AT ALEPPO], JULY 5, 1672 (*Letter Book*, vol. v, p. 1).

Acknowledge his letter of February 28 last, send him a packet via Leghorn for their President and Council at Surat and intend to send a copy on March 8 by way of Marseilles. On receipt of the first the Consul is to forward it immediately by express, but to reserve the second packet until further advice. (¼ *p.*)

THE COMPANY TO THOMAS WOODCOATE [AT MARSEILLES], JULY 8, 1672 (*Ibid.*, p. 7).

Send their letter to Consul Lanoy at Aleppo and desire Woodcoate to forward it by the first opportunity. (⅛ *p.*)

THE COMPANY TO CONSUL DELANOY [AT ALEPPO], JULY 8, 1672 (*Ibid.*, p. 8).

Enclosed send him copy of their last via Marseilles, which he is to forward by express and reserve their other letter as already advised. (⅛ *p.*)

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CAPTAIN HENRY CLARKE IN THE *Nightingale* AT SPITHEAD TO THE NAVY COMMISSIONERS, JULY 8, 1672 (*Public Record Office: S.P. Dom., Car.* II. 327, no. 43):

We still remain here, attending the motion of the *Newcastle*, to convoy the East India ships and all other great ships still remaining in the harbour at Portsmouth. . . .

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JULY 10, 1672 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 44).

Orders to be sent to Tillard for all the Company's ships arriving at Plymouth with the adviser to take the first opportunity of sailing for the river; they are to touch at Spithead, and if no orders have been sent to Mr. Salesbury at Portsmouth for their stay there, they are to proceed directly on their way. The Company's waiters now at Deal to be ordered to go at once to Portsmouth. A letter from Mr. Sowton at Stockholm is read, advising the remittance of 333*l.* by bill of exchange on Mr. Mitford, and order is given for Sowton's account to be examined, also the account of John Bennet. The annual salary of 200*l.* as Agent to be allowed to the account of the late William Turner for the time he acted in that capacity at Bantam. Examination and report to be made of the security given by the assistants to the Cashier-General and to the several warehousekeepers. The keeper of the Pepper Warehouse to notify the owners of ships coming from Bantam and Jambi of the time when the pepper returned in their vessels is to be weighed and received into the warehouse, that they may appoint some person to be present to 'take the weight of every bag at the beam', and so prevent any dispute that may afterwards arise in making up their accounts. A report touching the security offered by John Russel, nominated as assistant to Sambrooke, is read and approved, and accordingly he is elected to that post at an annual salary of 40*l.* (1¾ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JULY 10, 1672 [AFTERNOON] (*Ibid.*, p. 46).

Upon a report by Mr. Houblon of what Prince Rupert was pleased to declare to the Governor touching the orders to be given to the ships in the Downs if the Company's vessels now at Portsmouth come to the river, a memorial is drawn up, read, and approved, and the Governor is to be desired to present it to His Highness. (½ *p.*)

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A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JULY 12, 1672 (*Ibid.*, p. 47).

The request of William Dashwood that his son John who is living in Italy may, by virtue of a letter of attorney, transfer 1,000*l.* of his adventure to him, is refused, but he is told that if a transfer is made in due form, signed by his son, and attested by the English Consul and one or two English merchants of good repute this will be allowed. A letter to be written to Tillard at Plymouth touching the *Falcon* and other ships expected from India. On report that the sheds built against Leadenhall are not only inconvenient but may prove dangerous, certain Committees are desired to see how they may be removed. John Rogers, executor to Walter Rogers, requesting that the dispute about the account of the latter may be put to arbitration, the Court agree and six men are accordingly nominated to determine the matter within two months. A warrant to be made out for 25*l.* to John Philpe for a dividend of 20 per cent, in place of a former warrant said to have been lost. Mr. Paige delivers in a box of writings containing a lease of the rectory of Eltham in Kent, with a mortgage on the same from Mr. Compert, himself, and Mr. Barham, trustees for John Russel, lately admitted to the Company's service, to remain with the Court until the money due thereon is paid into the Company's cash as security for Russel. The Auditor to advise with Moses touching the dispute between the Company and the trustees for the United Joint Stock about the salary lately awarded in Chancery to Agent Greenhill. (1¼ *pp.*)

THE COMPANY TO SAMUEL SOWTON [AT STOCKHOLM], JULY 12, 1672 (*Letter Book*, vol. v, p. 8).

Acknowledge his letter of June 12 with the enclosed bill of exchange on Mr. Mitford, which he has accepted, they 'doubt not his currant payment'. Thank him for telling them of the three ships bound for India 'from your parts', and desire him to advise of anything he can glean concerning them. Hope he has shown the Ambassador the King's proclamation as previously directed. (¼ *p.*)

COMMISSIONER DEANE AT PORTSMOUTH TO THE NAVY COMMISSIONERS, JULY 14, 1672 (*Public Record Office: S.P. Dom.*; *Car.* II. 327, no. 71).

. . . Yesterday afternoon a Flushing privateer of six guns took three small vessels laden with salt, and another going into Arundel. No men-of-war are here but those attending the East India Fleet, and I dare not, without orders, send any of them to seek this privateer, the whole fleet of merchantmen being now at Spithead. . . .

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A COMMITTEE FOR BUYING GOODS, JULY 15, 1672 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvA, p. 101).

Messrs. Andrews, Boylstone, and Elkins to provide broad green cloths according to pattern now delivered to them. Sir Andrew Riccard to ascertain if the Company intend to send any tin to Surat this year. The price of elephants teeth being very high and a considerable quantity having been sent to Surat last year, it is decided not to send any there in this year's shipping, also to defer contracting for quicksilver for a few days. Mr. Brewer to be desired to provide eighteen pieces of superfine white cloth, twelve to be dyed scarlet and six green; and Mr. Boylstone to provide twenty-four pieces of fine Worcesters to be dyed green. (¾ *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JULY 17, 1672 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 49).

Certain Committees to examine and report what securities have been given by the officers entertained in the Company's home service, and by their factors in India. The Committee for Shipping to ascertain and report which of the ships now returned or expected are superannuated, and the number of vessels being built in expectation of employment by the Company. Mr. Mounteney to be paid 2,500*l.* for customs due for goods imported in the *Ann*. An award is read by which William and Thomas Turner are to pay 697*l.* 13*s.* 8*d.* to the Company. A list of private trade returned in the *Ann* to be presented to the Court without delay. With regard to an order of the 3rd instant concerning excess of tonnage, the Court now declare that the benefit then accorded of twenty marks per ton shall only extend to goods brought into the warehouse according to charterparty. (1½ *pp.*)

HUGH SALESBURY AT PORTSMOUTH TO SIR JOSEPH WILLIAMSON, JULY 18, 1672 (*Public Record Office: S.P. Dom., Car.* II. 313, no. 5).

Yesterday the *Newcastle* and *Nightingale*, convoy to the East India ships and several other richly laden merchantmen homeward bound, sailed, the wind being NNW. and the weather fair.

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JULY 19, 1672 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 50).

The sum of 54*l.* 5*s.* to be paid for paving the street before the Company's House and Leadenhall warehouse. Damaged pepper to be

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examined. The owners of the *Anne* to be paid 2,000*l.* on account of freight. Advices from Fort St. George touching the death of William Dawes, killed in the mutiny made there by Sir Edward Winter in 1665, are referred to the Committees for the Coast and Bay, who are to confer with counsel as to what is fit to be done in the matter, several persons having arrived in England who can give some account of that affair. The assigns of John Bennet to be paid 9*l.* 10*s.* A report of the Committees, to whom the request of Mr. Lucas concerning money detained by the Company was referred because of two bales of goods missing in the *Zant Frigate*, is read and approved; by it Mr. Lucas is awarded 50*l.* Directions to be given for bringing some goods left in the *Anne* belonging to Captain Zachariah Browne to the Company's warehouse. (1½ *pp.*)

THE COMPANY TO THE REV. WILLIAM NOKES, JULY 19, 1672 (*Letter Book*, vol. v, p. 8).

Have received several complaints of him, that he has endeavoured to make parties on the Island of St. Helena, encouraged disobedience, and condemned the orders of the Governor and Council published to promote good government and safety. Also that he is addicted to several vices not becoming a minister of the Gospel, 'whose endeavour both in his life and doctrine should principally ayme at the glory of God and the salvation of soules'. Require him to reform, and although they have continued him second in Council, yet wish him to attend seriously to the work of his ministry, try as much as possible to reconcile any differences, and both by example and admonition encourage peace not partisanship, which tends to disturbances and mutiny, will make his ministry ineffectual, and render the Island liable to surprisal. He is to report anything he sees which is contrary to the Company's orders and to conform to these himself or he will be dismissed from their employment and recalled at the first opportunity. (¾ *p.*)

RICHARD WATTS AT DEAL TO SIR JOSEPH WILLIAMSON, JULY 21, 1672 (*Public Record Office: S.P. Dom., Car.* II. 313, no. 29).

Last night arrived from Portsmouth four King's ships, nine East Indiamen, and thirty-one merchantmen, all great ships, from the Straits, Virginia, and elsewhere, besides six or eight ketches. They all weighed this forenoon, with a southerly wind, which is fair to carry them for London, less than a topsail gale. . . .

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JOHN CARLILE AT DOVER TO SIR JOSEPH WILLIAMSON, JULY 22, 1672 (*Public Record Office: S.P. Dom., Car.* II. 313, no. 43).

You had no sooner departed hence but our East India fleet appeared with about thirty or forty more sail homeward bound. . . .

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JULY 22, 1672 [AFTERNOON] (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 52).

Tillard to be written to and sent the following directions: That as commissions have been given out in Holland for setting out several private men-of-war, and one of 28 guns and another of 10 guns have lately passed by Dover to the westward, if any of the East India ships come into port the commanders are to be notified to inform the Company by express of their arrival, and await further orders. But if the *Bombay* or *Falcon* arrive and Captain Highway comes with them, or is in port, or if they can have the company of any one of the King's men-of-war, they are to sail directly for Spithead and await orders from Portsmouth from Mr. Salesbury, who is to be sent directions similar to the foregoing. Orders to be sent to Captain Metford, commander of the *Humphrey and Elizabeth*, to proceed on his intended voyage to St. Helena. The letter to Mr. Nokes to be delivered to him on his arrival, to be sent open to Captain Beale. The Governor to be desired to inform His Highness what ships are expected from India, and to beg that the King's ships of war coming from the westward may be appointed to return for their security, and for the security of such other merchant vessels as are daily expected in the Channel. The Court also desire that some of the Levant Company, and others concerned in the ships expected from Barbadoes and the 'Charibde Islands', would make a like application to His Highness because of the privateers abroad. (1 *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JULY 24, 1672 (*Ibid.*, p. 53).

The *Humphrey and Elizabeth* to be supplied with provisions necessary for her voyage. Two bills of exchange drawn on the Company by the purser in the *London* are accepted; also one for 1,000*l.* drawn by the Chief and Council in the Bay on the Company, payable to Alexander Colve forty days after sight. The Committee for Shipping to ascertain from the commanders and others lately returned from St. Helena all that is possible touching the behaviour of Captain Cony and Mr. Nokes, and report to the Court. Certain damaged pepper imported in the *Anne* to be returned to her owners and placed to their account. The sum of

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12*s.* 6*d.* to be paid for paving done before the warehouses in Lime Street. A letter written by the Governor, with the advice of several Committees, the 22nd instant to Captain Prowd notifying him of the intelligence received from Harwich is approved. A memorial drawn up by the Committee for Writing Letters touching Pulo Run and Damm Island is referred for further consideration. (1½ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JULY 24, 1672 [AFTERNOON] (*Ibid.*, p. 54).

Two letters from Captain Heaton dated in Margate Road the 22nd instant are read, also one from the commanders of the *Sampson*, *Unity*, and *East India Merchant* dated the 23rd instant from the Gore, and order is given for a letter to be written to the said commanders in accordance with the present debate; whereupon the letter is drawn up during the sitting of the Court and by their desire signed by the Governor. (½ *p.*)

CAPTAIN JOHN PEARCE IN THE *Newcastle*, AT THE BUOY OF THE NORE, TO THE NAVY COMMISSIONERS, JULY 24, 1672 (*Public Record Office: S.P. Dom., Car.* II. 327, no. 125).

I am just arrived here with all the ships under my convoy, except three East Indiamen gone about with the *Ruby* and *Falcon*, which are not yet arrived, but are expected next tide. . . .

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JULY 26, 1672 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 55).

Letters from the Agent and Council at Bantam brought in the *Satisfaction*, and from the Agent and Council at Fort St. George in the *Bombay* are read, and it appearing that Jacob Smith, who went out as assistant to Sir William Langhorn at a salary of 5*l.* per annum, has been made one of Council, order is given for his dismissal from that post and for him to be sent to Bantam by the first ship bound to that place to serve in the factory there at an annual salary of 30*l.* to commence from his arrival, or else to be sent to England by the next shipping. (¾ *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JULY 26, 1672 [AFTERNOON] (*Ibid.*, p. 56).

Mr. Tillard to be written to and directed to send the *Satisfaction* and *Bombay*, with any other ships coming from India, to sail for the river

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accompanied by the *Olive Branch*, the latter after seeing them in to return to her station. Order is also given for the *Alicant* and *Ann* to return to their stations, as many Capers are abroad and the *Falcon* and *Phoenix* are expected daily; if the two last-named ships arrive after the departure of the *Satisfaction* and *Bombay* they are to remain in port until further order, unless they meet with a convoy to bring them into the river. Captain Heaton to be written to and directed to go to the westward to meet the *Satisfaction* and *Bombay* and accompany them to the river, and then return to his station. ($\frac{3}{4}$ *p.*)

PHILIP LANYON AT PLYMOUTH TO JAMES HICKES, JULY 26, 1672 (*Public Record Office: S.P. Dom., Car.* II. 313, no. 91).

. . . To-day went hence, under convoy of Captain Highway in the *Olive Branch*, and Captain Mathewes, the two East Indiamen, bound eastward. . . .

CAPTAIN STEPHEN PYEND IN THE *Ruby*, AT THE BUOY OF THE NORE, TO THE NAVY COMMISSIONERS, JULY 27, 1672 (*Public Record Office: Entry Book* 35 A, f. 140).

I received orders from Prince Rupert to go to the Downs to attend the motion of the East India ships, and to see them safe above the Middle Ground, and then to go and find the fleet. . . .

HUGH SALESBURY AT PORTSMOUTH TO SIR JOSEPH WILLIAMSON, JULY 28, 1672 (*Public Record Office: S.P. Dom., Car.* II. 313, no. 109).

. . . This morning came to Spithead the *Bombay* and the *Satisfaction*, both from the East Indies.

A MEETING OF THE COMMITTEES, JULY 29, 1672 [AFTERNOON] (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 56).

Letters received this morning from the *Bombay* and *Satisfaction* with an account of their arrival at Spithead with the *Olive Branch* and *Alicant*; and there being news of many Dutch Capers abroad, and that three had given chase to the *Alicant* for twelve hours when she was to the westward, it is resolved that letters shall be written to Captains Heaton, Hiway, and Matthew to go at once for the westward to such stations as Captain Heaton shall think most convenient. And, as Prince Rupert, in answer to an address made to him this morning asking that one or two of His Majesty's ships might convoy the *Satisfaction* and *Bombay* into the river, had declared that none could be spared, and that

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he did not think it safe to have them brought about at present, it is resolved to write to Captains Erwyn and Southwell, that for the security both of their ships and goods they should put into Portsmouth Harbour till a convoy can be had to bring them into the river, the letters to be signed by the Secretary. (½ *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JULY 31, 1672 (*Ibid.*, p. 57).

Orders sent to the commanders of the nine ships in the river lately arrived from the East Indies to forward a list of the several officers and men of their respective companies who were aboard when they came into Leigh Road, with the names of those pressed, and by whom, also of those who went ashore with leave and of those who ran away, which list is to be sent up before the officers or men are paid any of their wages. The Court, being told of the letters written by order of the Committees on the 29th instant to the commanders of the three cruisers and to the captains of the *Satisfaction* and *Bombay*, which letters are now read, approve of the same. The Committee for Writing Letters to consider and report which of the factors at Bantam is next in succession to be of Council, also their opinion of Jacob Smith, who is to be removed from Fort St. George to Bantam. The owners of the *Anne*, *Loyal Subject*, and *Rebecca* to be notified to appear in court next Friday. The private trade goods belonging to the owners of the *Anne* to be delivered to them and a receipt taken from Captain Zachary Browne. Order is given for the commanders of the ships now in the river to send up to the Company's House at once all diamonds, jewels, and other fine goods that are on board their respective vessels, and appoint some one to see the same delivered to Mr. Dunkin, who is to give a receipt for them in order that they may be sent to those to whom they belong. The Husband is ordered to make 'perfect entries' at the Customhouse of goods brought back in the Company's ships from the Indies to the value of 10,471*l.* 4*s.* 1*d.* Two bills of exchange payable to Elizabeth Hutchinson, one drawn by the President and Council at Surat, the other by the Deputy Governor and Council at Bombay, are accepted. A letter to be written to Mr. Sowton desiring him to advise the lading of the ships bound to the Indies and their destinations. (1½ *pp.*)

A COMMITTEE FOR BUYING GOODS, JULY 31, 1672 (*Court Book*, vol. XXVA, p. 101).

Giving a list of goods to be provided and sent to Surat, the Coast,

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and Bay, with their quantities and prices. Presents to be sent the same as last year, also several weights and scales for the different factories. (1 *p.*)

THOMAS HOLDEN AT FALMOUTH TO SIR JOSEPH WILLIAMSON, AUGUST 1, 1672 (*Public Record Office: S.P. Dom., Car.* II. 313, no. 181).

. . . The 29th came in the *Ann*, a small frigate employed to meet the East Indiamen, which left Plymouth Sunday, and met the *Morning Star* and the prizes going in. . . . The 31st passed two great ships, supposed to be two more of our East Indiamen. . . .

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, AUGUST 2, 1672 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 59).

The Shipping Committee to have an exact survey taken of the *London*, and report to the Court when she was built and what the cost has been of setting her out to sea the last three voyages; they are also to ascertain how the captains of the several ships returned this year from India have complied with the orders given to them by the Company, their Presidents, Agents, or Chiefs for securing the Company's concerns under their care or trust in this their last voyage. Mr. Morden, for himself and the other owners of the *Unicorn*, offers her for further service, whereupon Captain Prowd is desired to have a survey taken of her as soon as possible and report the same, the captain is also told to inform the commanders of the vessels lately returned from India that, if they expect the Company to employ their ships next year the owners must tender them to the Court next Wednesday. Lord George Berkeley, on behalf of the owners of the *Massingberd*, tenders her for further service, and Captain Prowd is directed to have a survey taken of her as soon as she is unladen. The owners of the *Anne* to be paid 2,000*l.* on account of freight. Three bills of exchange from the Agent and Council at Bantam are accepted by the Governor, one payable to William Love, one to Thomas Pearle and Mr. Thirscrosse, and the third to Barnabas Skydmore. Matthew Andrews offers the *Ann* for further service and a survey is ordered to be taken of her. The exportation of cochineal is prohibited, the Company appropriating all trade in it, this to be inserted in all ships' charterparties, factors' covenants and bonds, a fine of 10*s.* per pound to be imposed for any shipped out contrary to this order. The account of Vincent Savery to be examined. Certain Committees to examine and report what bills of exchange have been drawn this year on the Company

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by the Agent and Council at Bantam, and their value, and to consider the advisability of putting some restraint on such drafts in future, and in what cases to allow them. (1½ *pp.*)

THE COMPANY TO SAMUEL SOWTON [AT STOCKHOLM], AUGUST 2, 1672 (*Letter Book*, vol. v, p. 9).

Acknowledge his letter of July 3 and note what he says about the duty taken off copper, also concerning the ships bound for India from Stockholm, that they are beginning to lade. Desire information as to what is put aboard, where they are bound, and the names of those English, who intend, as they hear, to go in the said ships, their station, and in what capacity they are entertained. Have written to Mr. Banks at Hamburg, and on receipt of his answer will advise Sowton as to his account. (½ *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, AUGUST 7, 1672 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 60).

The following ships are offered for further service: the *Sampson* by Mr. Hopegood, the *Antelope* by Captain Goldsborough, the *Unity* by Messrs. Lethulier and Bovery, the *East India Merchant* by Mr. Wood and Captain Cooley, and the *European* by Captain Hill, and Captain Prowd is directed to survey and report on all; but the Court warn the owners that this must not be looked upon as an engagement of their ships unless occasion arises for their service. Matthew Andrews offering the *Bombay* for further service is told that when she comes into the river his request shall be considered. The petition of Edmund Bugdon and the account of John Morley to be examined. A bill of exchange for 2,500*l.* drawn by the Chief and Council in the Bay, and payable to Francis Weynants, merchant, is accepted. A report from the Committees who were appointed to consider the securities given by the Company's officers employed in England is read and approved and another report on those given by the Company's officers employed in the Indies promised to be given later, 'as it will require some time'. The Governor reports His Majesty's gracious answer and encouragement to the Company's representation desiring to carry on their trade next year 'notwithstanding the continued breach between this kingdom and Holland'. The Committee for Buying Goods and the Shipping Committee are desired to meet this afternoon and consider how goods and shipping may be provided both speedily and effectually for the Com-

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pany's service, and proceed in the matter as they think best. A question as to whether Committees personally concerned in any affair that shall be brought into debate shall be desired to abstain from voting in such cases is referred for consideration. (3 *pp.*)

NATHANIEL OSBORNE AT WEYMOUTH TO JAMES HICKES, AUGUST 7, 1672 (*Public Record Office: S.P. Dom., Car.* II. 313, no. 243).

Yesterday afternoon came in two ships employed by the East India Company to look out for two of their ships not come in, and with them eight or nine merchantmen under their convoy. They went away westward this morning. . .

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, AUGUST 8, 1672 [AFTERNOON] (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 64).

On consideration of the advice lately received from Lynn of the seizure on June 27 last of the *Falcon* off the Lizard by a Flushing man-of-war and of her being carried to Bergen in Norway, it is resolved to present an address to the King praying for his royal letters to the King of Denmark for the *Falcon* to be detained with her lading in the said port and her passengers released, and that His Majesty will be graciously pleased to instruct the Duke of Richmond, his Ambassador at Copenhagen, to mediate for this, and for the arrest of the *Falcon* and her lading in the Company's name, and of the man-of-war and her commander for piracy; and in order to recover damages for the Company, that a person fitly qualified may be sent to Denmark to negotiate in the matter in their behalf with some of the Ministers of State, and be commissioned to agree upon the best terms he can for restitution of the said ship and her lading, to be repaid out of what shall be recovered. As the season of the year is too far advanced for the Company to get ready any ships to attend to this affair, it is also resolved to present an address to His Majesty praying that two frigates may be ordered to sail to Bergen to recover the *Falcon* and her lading, or to act as His Majesty shall deem fit. The Shipping Committee to appoint some fit persons to assist Captain Prowd in surveying ships. (1 *p.*)

MEMORANDUM, AUGUST 8, 1672 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvA, p. 102).

Sir William Thomson agreed this day with Sir John Moore, Sheriff, for delivery to the Company by October 1 or during that month of 4,000

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great pigs of Derbyshire lead at 13*l.* the fother, half to be paid for within six weeks, the remainder on delivery. A like agreement made by Sir William with Deputy Herne on the following day. (½ *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, AUGUST 9, 1672 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 65).

Captain Andrews reporting that the *Caesar*, built at Woodbridge for the Company's service upon the encouragement given by their order of December 21, 1670, is now finished, he is directed to have her ready to sail from Gravesend by November 1 next. Certain Committees to deliver the jewels and other fine goods now in the Treasury to their owners; others to examine and report on the petitions of Rowland Crispe, Elizabeth Hutchins, and the fourteen soldiers returned from the Fort. Samuel Kempthorne's account to be stated, the stationer's bill to be examined, and the petition of James Walcot referred for consideration. A bill of exchange, for 2,500*l.*, drawn on the Company by the Agent and Council in the Bay, payable to Francis Weynants, is accepted. The Shipping Committee to consider what gratuities should be given to Captain Pearce and others for convoying nine of the Company's ships into the river. Matthew Andrews and Captain Bonneel reporting that the new three-decked vessel they proposed last September to build will be ready to sail from Gravesend by September 1, 1673, they are told that she shall be employed before any other ship since offered. Mr. Andrews moves that in the address to be presented to His Majesty for regaining the lading of the *Falcon*, the interests of her owners may be included, they being willing to contribute their proportion towards the expenses incurred. (1½ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, AUGUST 9, 1672 [AFTERNOON] (*Ibid.*, vol. xxviii, p. 66).

The Governor and Deputy are desired to make their humble addresses to the King and pray that His Majesty will desire His Royal Highness to spare two frigates to sail to Bergen and recover the *Falcon* 'or otherwise as shall be thought fit'. Also to appoint suitable persons to attend His Royal Highness and proceed in one of the said frigates. Letters to be written to the Duke of Richmond and to his secretary, Mr. Henshaw, enclosing the King's letters and the letter from the Earl of Arlington. (½ *p.*)

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THE KING TO THE DUKE OF RICHMOND, AUGUST 9, 1672 (*Public Record Office: S.P. Dom., Car.* II. 313, no. 255).

Instructing him on receipt thereof to apply in the most pressing terms to the King of Denmark and his ministers for preserving the *Falcon* of London, the remaining ship of this year's East India fleet, which was taken by Dutch privateers off the Land's End, and has been lately brought to Bergen in Norway, and her lading, and that an arrest may be put on her accordingly, and at the same time to endeavour to obtain the liberty of the crew and passengers, concerning all which the King of Denmark has been written to, the King being much interested that Danish ports should not be open to Dutch privateers to dispose of their prizes during this war.

THE COMPANY TO CONSUL DELANOY [AT ALEPPO], AUGUST 9, 1672 (*Letter Book*, vol. v, p. 12).

Send transcripts of their letters of July 5 and July 8 to the President and Council of Surat, with an addition of this date via Leghorn, and intend next Monday to send copy of the same by way of Marseilles. Pray him to forward whichever shall reach him first and keep the other until further advice. (½ *p*).

SIR JOHN BANKS TO THE EARL OF SHAFTESBURY, AUGUST 10, 1672 (*Public Record Office: S.P. Dom., Car.* II. 314, no. 1).

Requesting that directions be sent to His Royal Highness that two or three frigates be sent to Bergen to lie by the East India ship and follow such order as His Majesty shall please, as, though the letters have been sent to Copenhagen, no arrest is like a man-of-war to lie by the ship, and to come out with her, if she does so, and stating that a boat with a fit person is provided to go immediately with the express to the Duke if His Majesty please to send him, while, if the ship has left Bergen, yet the frigates are as likely to find prize that way as any other. Letters of August 16 (N.S.) from Amsterdam say that several small vessels are safely arrived with fine goods from the East India ships in the Ems, and that their fleet is sailed thither to convoy the said ships home with their remaining goods.

PHILIP LANYON AT PLYMOUTH TO JAMES HICKES, AUGUST 11, 1672 (*Ibid.*, no. 19).

. . . There is news that one of our East Indiamen is taken by a

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privateer thirty leagues to the westward, and that Captain Clarke of the *Nightingale* has taken two Dutch privateers and brought them into Falmouth, but this is not certain.

THE COMPANY TO CONSUL DELANOY [AT ALEPPO], AUGUST 12, 1672 (*Letter Book*, vol. v, p. 12).

Sent their last letter by way of Leghorn, this accompanies their packet via Marseilles. ($\frac{1}{8}$ *p.*)

THE COMPANY TO THOMAS WOODCOATE [AT MARSEILLES], AUGUST 12, 1672 (*Ibid*).

Enclose a second packet to Consul Lanoy and desire Woodcoate to dispatch it by the first safe conveyance. ($\frac{1}{8}$ *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, AUGUST 14, 1672 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 67).

A letter from Charles and James Banckes at Hamburg is read; they enclose their account and ask whether Mr. Sowton is to have the rest of the credit that was given to him. In reply they are to be told that the money Sowton received was on account of the last year's copper he bought for the Company, that no further order has been given to him, therefore the credit is to cease, and that the Governor and Deputy will draw bills of exchange on them for the balance. The Governor and Deputy are desired to inform Sir Thomas Chicheley, Master of His Majesty's Ordnance, that the Company were to have been paid for the saltpetre sold to the King in September, 1669, out of the receipt of the Firehearths, and that 10,000*l.* should have been paid out of the first money assigned for the Office of Ordnance, but as yet nothing has been received. That when last spring it was intimated to Sir Thomas that the Company had reserved 300 or 400 tons of saltpetre for the King's service, they expected that a contract would have been made for it, but it has remained on their hands ever since. That now they have a considerable amount of petre arrived by this year's shipping and desire to know whether His Majesty has occasion for any of it, and if so that a contract may be made for it before the sale and directions given for payment for the same, or that they may have liberty to dispose of it at the sale. If Sir Thomas has no orders, then the Governor is to wait on His Majesty and inform him of all this and that a great part of the Company's stock is laid out in saltpetre, besides the money

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due for what is already sold. The Governor is also to move the King to appoint a convoy to bring the two ships up from Portsmouth. Captain Prowd is directed to take an account of the commanders arrived this year from the Indies, what men and provisions they left in India and the number of men and quantity of stores and provisions they brought home. The owners of the *East India Merchant* to be paid 2,000*l.* on account of freight. A quantity of topmasts, 'fishes' [for fishing masts], and other stores to be provided and sent to St. Helena for supplying such of the Company's ships as shall be in want of the same. A report to be made by Mr. Moyer of the behaviour of the several commanders returned this year from the Indies. Captains Andrews, Johnson, and Hide state that their ship now being built [*President* in the margin] will be ready to sail from Gravesend by November 1 next. Resolved that two-thirds of the Company's goods (except those returned in the *Bombay*) shall be offered for sale about the end of September next, and the Committees for the warehouses are desired to give directions accordingly. It is also resolved that six writers and about thirty soldiers shall be chosen and sent to each of the chief factories. (1¾ *pp.*)

FRANCIS BELLOTT AT PENDENNIS TO SIR JOSEPH WILLIAMSON, AUGUST 14, 1672 (*Public Record Office: S.P. Dom., Car.* II. 314, no. 53).

. . . The *Anne* that waited for the East Indiamen is now here. . . .

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, AUGUST 16, 1672 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 69).

Mr. Canham to be desired to write to his correspondent at Bergen by to-night's post and ask him to do his best to get possession of the Company's books of accounts, and other papers that were in the *Falcon*, and report to the Court his proceedings in the matter. Sir Henry Oxinden requesting that the account of the late Sir George Oxinden, his brother, may be 'put into a way of dispatch', the matter is referred to the Surat Committee, who are to read the advices lately returned from that place, make up the said account and report. The Governor stating what has been done with regard to the freight of the ships *Leopard*, *Mary Rose*, etc., and the report made on the subject by the Attorney-General, he is desired, with the help of the Deputy and Sir Andrew Riccard, to settle the matter as they shall think best for the Company's advantage. The petition of the fourteen soldiers lately returned from Fort St. George that their bonds may be delivered to

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them is referred to certain of the Committees. A pot of musk belonging to Henry Powell to be given to him on payment of the permission. Several additional clauses to the charterparties of ships now to be entertained are read and approved. The Sheriffs of London to be requested to see that the Officers of the City forbear serving attachments at the East India House on any of the commanders serving the Company. A person of quality who has lately done good service for the Company to be gratified with a present not exceeding 100 guineas. On September 11 next the issue of a dividend at the next sale is to be considered. (1¼ *pp.*)

THE COMPANY TO MESSRS. BANKS [AT HAMBURG], AUGUST 16, 1672 (*Letter Book*, vol. v, p. 13).

Acknowledge their letter of the 2nd instant with account enclosed, by the latter there appears due to the Company 631*l.* 3*s.* 6*d.* Flemish. Desire them to remit this sum to Sir John Banks, and not to furnish Sowton with any more money till further advice. (¼ *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, AUGUST 21, 1672 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 70).

Payments on account of freight to be made to the owners of the following ships: the *European*, 2,000*l.*, the *Sampson*, 2,500*l.*, and the *Unity*, 2,000*l.* The Committees of the warehouses to meet this afternoon to consider what sorts and quantities of the Company's goods shall be offered at the next sale. Examination to be made of the accounts of John Totty, Robert Stone, and Thomas Haniford. The petitions of George Ramsden and Allen Catchpoole to be employed as writers are read, also a survey of work to be done in the *East India Merchant*. Captain Andrews to be desired to hasten the bringing of the *Caesar* into the Thames. No permission goods to be delivered except on receipt of ready money. (1 *p.*)

A COMMITTEE FOR SHIPPING, AUGUST 21, 1672 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvA, p. 103).

Mr. Johnson engages to bring the *London* into dock and get her ready to go to India in fourteen days. President Andrews promises that the *Anne* shall be removed from dock for speedy survey and such fitting as the Company shall direct. Captain Cowley states his readiness to seal the charterparty next Wednesday. Hereupon the Deputy

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informs President Andrews that the Company have altered their charter-parties and added four men to every hundred tons, 30*s.* per ton freight, the one-tenth part for demurrage, the owners to pay the whole demurrage if the ship is not ready by the day appointed. Andrews says that if the Company will venture their goods aboard the *Bombay Merchant* he and the rest of the owners will adventure the ship, and give order for sixty fresh men to be put aboard her at once; he also promises that by Wednesday next he will pay the proportion of the month's wages due on several ships he is concerned in, that the same may be paid to the wives and relatives of the seamen. Captain Goldsborough promises to have his ship ready, and to seal his charterparty by the time appointed. Captain Samuel Chamblett says his ship is not ready to be surveyed, but he will consider the Company's terms and give his answer as soon as he knows them. Charles Masters states that he was entertained chief mate of the *Unity*, and when he was at Jambi the captain, without any reason, displaced him and put his brother, who was second mate, in his place. Captain Cruft avers that his ship will be ready to be surveyed when the Company please, that Masters went out as chief mate and pilot for Bantam, and put himself out of the place of chief mate because he would not obey an order given for stowing a cable; he also absented himself from the quarter deck, and on going to Jambi he was very ill and left the ship to the charge of his brother. Afterwards he had command of the starboard watch and was found at the time of his said watch to be playing cards with Messrs. Walthew and Tivell until 12, or 4 o'clock in the morning. Masters denies that he played cards during the time of his watch. The Captain states that no public prayers were held aboard his ship, but he allowed no swearing, drunkenness, or any other vice in any of his company. The Committee are of opinion that no commander of any ship in the Company's employ should be permitted to take aboard any relations in any office or employment, as mate, gunner, boatswain, or carpenter. (2¾ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, AUGUST 23, 1672 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 71).

Captain Thomas Harman offering the *Unicorn* for further service is told that, as she cannot be ready in time to serve the Company's occasions there will be no employment for her. The account of the late Thomas Stiles to be made up. John Paige to be paid 5*l.* 9*s.* 6*d.* disbursed

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by Captain Gaich for the *St. Anne*. Great inconvenience having been caused by captains of ships employing near relations on board their vessels, the Court now forbid this to be done and order that henceforth only men chosen by Captain Prowd and approved by the Shipping Committee shall be employed. Several complaints having been made of the misdemeanours of Captain Cruft, commander of the *Unity*, in his last voyage, the Court decide to dismiss him from their service, this to be notified to the owners of the said vessel. The account of Percival Stanny to be examined. A report of goods from Sambrook's warehouse fit to be offered for sale is read and approved. Captain Privet, commander of the *London*, having by many misdemeanours in his last voyage to the Indies proved himself unworthy of further employment, he is dismissed the Company's service, and Captain William Basse is chosen to take his command at the same pay; the *London* to be delivered up to him with all its stores. Directions to be given for the two ships at Portsmouth to come into the Thames with the *Jersey Frigate*, or such other convoy as the King shall appoint. (1 *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, AUGUST 28, 1672 (*Ibid.*, p. 73).

Petitions for employment as writers from John Scattergood, Richard Murdock, Jeremy Peachy, John Newton, and William Ayliffe are read and order given for these and others of a like nature to be considered next Tuesday. A letter from Messrs. Bladwell and Slaughter, officers in the *Falcon*, is read, advising that she is under detention at Bergen, and the Governor is desired to communicate the contents of this and of another letter received from the commanders of the *Bombay* and *Satisfaction* to Prince Rupert. William Wood and other owners of the *Anne*, *Antelope*, *Sampson*, *East India Merchant*, and the new ship to be commanded by Captain Hide present a paper of proposals; these are read and referred to the Shipping Committee, who are to meet the said owners, or those they shall appoint, and consider what is to be allowed them, having regard to the extraordinary charge of setting forth and keeping out the said vessels. Payment on account of freight to be made to the owners of the *John and Margaret*, and of the *Antelope*; to Charles Aston for payment of the men in the *London*; and to John Totty, Robert Stone, and Thomas Hanyford in accordance with a report now read. Resolved that 9,120 bags of pepper mentioned in a report now read be offered for sale, with all the drugs mentioned in the said report, except some indigo returned in the *Antelope*, and some coffee. (1½ *pp.*)

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TREASURY MINUTE, AUGUST 29, 1672 (*Public Record Office: Treasury Minute Book* iv, pp. 323–4).

Write to the Attorney-General to deliver in the papers concerning the East India Company and the principal officers of the Navy. . . . An order for the King (for his signature) to the Commissioners of the Navy to cancel and deliver to the East India Company the charterparty and agreement made between the said Commissioners and the said Company concerning the ship *Leopard*, and the other of the King's ships that were employed temporarily in said Company's service. *In the margin*: To advise with Sir R. Long. Sir R. Long said this must be done by privy seal.

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, AUGUST 30, 1672 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 74).

Peter Harrold's bill to be examined. The sum of 8*l.* 1*s.* to be paid the assigns of Bartholomew Hutchins. The Company's seal to be affixed to the discharge drawn up for Christopher Thomlinson. The Deputy reports that at the meeting of the Shipping Committee with the several shipowners, the latter insisted that the word 'warfare' should be omitted in the charterparties; to be allowed the same indulgence in private trade as was granted in 1670; also 25*l.* and 28*l.* per ton freight; and not to be obliged to sail from Gravesend until November 20. After some consideration the Court decided not to omit the word 'warfare'; that all ships must sail from Gravesend by November 10 or else pay demurrage, and arrive in India by the end of June; that besides the indulgence already allowed, the masters and mariners shall be permitted, this year only, to take out cloths, serges, and Norwich stuffs, all mixed colours, and to bring home nutmegs and mace. The owners of the *Unicorn* to be paid 2,000*l.* on account of freight. Letters to be written to the Duke of Richmond, Ambassador at Copenhagen, and to Mr. Henshaw, the latter to be furnished from Hamburg with 200*l.*, and Messrs. Bladwell and Slaughter with 40*l.* or 50*l.*, to be spent in recovering the *Falcon* and her lading. Edwyn to notify the owners of the *Bombay* and *Satisfaction* to supply those vessels with men, as they have orders to come into the river. The account of Percival Stanny to be stated. The employment of Christopher Oxinden to be considered. (1½ *pp.*)

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TREASURY WARRANT, AUGUST 31, 1672 (*Public Record Office: Warrants Early*, six, p. 163).

To the Receipt to allow 6 per cent interest from June 19 last to the 2nd instant, on the 10,000*l.* furnished by Sir John Banks to the Treasurer of the Navy, for satisfaction of which tallies were levied at the Receipt June 19 last, and not repaid out of the Customs of the East India ships until the 2nd instant.

SIR R. HOWARD TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,[1] AUGUST 31, 1672 (*Public Record Office: Out Letters General* III, p. 156).

To deliver to Sir John Bankes the papers concerning the East India Company and the principal Officers of the Navy, the business in dispute between them being now determined.

COURT OF COMMITTEES, SEPTEMBER 3, 1672 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 76).

A letter from Captain Wildy, commander of the *Phoenix*, is read, also one from Isaac Tillard of August 30, and order given for directions to be sent to the latter to call in the four 'advisers' to accompany the *Phoenix* to Spithead. The petitions of several young men praying for employment are read and referred to several Committees, who are to ascertain and report on the qualifications and good demeanour of the applicants. The Governor to represent to His Majesty that the time for which the four advisers were engaged to ply to the Westward is nearly up, and that because of the long time they have been at sea and the late tempestuous weather they are no longer fit to remain there. (1 *p.*)

CAPTAIN JOHN STANESBY AT SPITHEAD TO THE NAVY COMMISSIONERS, SEPTEMBER 3, 1672 (*Public Record Office: S.P. Dom., Car.* II. 328, no. 144).

To-day I came safe to anchor here, where I received an order for convoying the East India ships and all others here for the Thames. . . . I have in all under my command 190 men, of whom I am by His Royal Highness's order to deliver ten to the two East India ships, whom I had out of them when I went out, and 30 soldiers from Portsmouth, whom I am also to return. . . .

[1] Sir Heneage Finch.

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ORDER FROM MESSRS. MOYER, ALBIN, AND THOROLD TO THOMAS SPRIGG, SEPTEMBER 3, 1672 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvA, p. 103).

To receive into the Company's warehouse thirteen bags of cochineal, bought for the Company from various people. ($\frac{1}{4}$ *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, SEPTEMBER 4, 1672 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 77).

The Shipping Committee to treat with Mr. Andrews and other shipowners who wish to let their vessels for freight to the Company and report. Wages due to Samuel Kempton to be paid to Captain Zachariah Brown. The petition of Elizabeth Hutchins is referred to the Committee for Private Trade. A petition from Captain William Cruft is read in which he acknowledges his neglect of the performance of religious duties aboard the *Unity*, promises reformation in future, and prays for 'remission of his fault'; hereupon he is readmitted to the Company's service. No more petitions for employment in the Company's service to be entertained this year. Examination to be made by the Coast and Bay Committee concerning information given about Mr. Manwaring's private trade at Masulipatam. ($\frac{3}{4}$ *p.*)

THOMAS HOLDEN AT FALMOUTH TO SIR JOSEPH WILLIAMSON, SEPTEMBER 4, 1672 (*Public Record Office: S.P. Dom., Car.* II. 314, no. 196).

The 2nd put in here the *Adventure* and *Nightingale*, the *Olive Branch*, and two more ships that are on the East India Company's account. As soon as they heard the East India ship they looked for was at Plymouth, they put to sea and went immediately thither. . . . The frigates intend to call at Plymouth for the East Indiaman and any other ships there for London.

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, SEPTEMBER 6, 1672 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 78).

Letters from the Duke of Richmond and Mr. Thomas Henshaw, His Majesty's secretary to the Embassy extraordinary to Denmark, are read, and order given for answers to be sent to them in accordance with the present debate. The Governor is desired to pray His Majesty that some frigates may be sent to Bergen. A report is read touching the demands of the several shipowners, and the Shipping Committee are requested to arrange with them on the best terms possible concern-

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ing the freight of their vessels. The Committee for Lawsuits to consider and report concerning letters written by Mr. Perryn. A bill of exchange for 2,500*l.* drawn by the Chief and Council in the Bay and payable to Mr. Samuel Coop is accepted. Resolved to hold a court of sales on October 8 next. (1¼ *pp.*)

SIR JOHN BANKS TO SAMUEL PEPYS, SEPTEMBER 6, 1672 (*Public Record Office: S.P. Dom., Car.* II. 328, no. 158).

I have finished the business with the Lords of the Treasury about our East India ships. . . .

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, SEPTEMBER 9, 1672 [AFTERNOON] (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 79).

A report from the Shipping Committee touching the agreement come to with Sir William Warren, and Messrs. Wood and Andrews for the *Anne, Antelope, East India Merchant, Bombay*, and Captain Hide's new ship is read and approved, and order given for charterparties to be drawn up accordingly. The owners of the *Caesar, Sampson, Phoenix, Massingberd*, and *Unity* offering these ships on the same terms as other vessels entertained this year, Captain Prowd is directed to survey them, also Captain Hide's new ship which is now ready to be launched, and to consider what cabins should be made in each ship for accommodation of the officers, and for the safety and defence of the ship and of the Company's concerns. The application of Captain Chamblet concerning some calicoes landed from the *Sampson* and charged to the account of the owners is referred to the Committee for Private Trade. Letters written on the 6th instant to Mr. Tillard, Captains Wildy, Southwell, Erwyn, and Heaton are read and approved. The owners of the *John and Margaret* offering that ship for service are told that their offer shall be considered. (1½ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, SEPTEMBER 11, 1672 (*Ibid.*, p. 81).

Calicoes and other goods in Sambrook's warehouse to be priced for sale, the poorest sort at 28*s.* 6*d.* the piece, the others in proportion, and Guinea stuffs at 2*s.* 3*d.* and 2*s.* 6*d.* the piece. Captain Heaton to be directed to discharge the *Olive Branch* in the Downs, and the other three advisers at Plymouth. The owners of the *Massingberd* to be paid 2,500*l.* on account of freight. Mr. Farnworth, who was elected to

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serve as a chaplain in India and given 20*l.* last March to provide himself with necessaries, fell ill after having made his preparations for the voyage and was unable to go; he is now ready to return the money advanced, but the Court, out of compassion and because of the expense he has been put to, accept 10*l.* only, and discharge him of the remainder. The petition of Jonathan Wager is read and referred to the Shipping Committee. Resolved that a dividend of twenty per cent be allowed in payment (without discount) for goods bought at the next sale; adventurers who do not produce a warrant for the said dividend in payment of goods bought, to be paid in ready money on May 8 next. The Governor to call a general court next Tuesday morning and acquaint the generality that, 'it having pleased God to give the Company a considerable return from India this year', the Court have decided to issue a dividend which they hoped to have been able to pay in ready money, but cannot, the urgency of their affairs requiring all that can be raised; but for the satisfaction of the adventurers and to encourage the sale, they have issued one on the terms stated above; all warrants for the same will be ready on or before October 8 next. The account of Thomas Browning to be reported, and the weight of the ballast stones returned in the *Massingberd*. The entertainment of Mr. Frier as a chirurgeon for Surat, he being recommended by Mr. Canham as 'a skillful and experienced artist in that profession', is referred to the Shipping Committee. The petitions of Francis Riccard, Robert Harbin, John Shepard, — Love, John Withinbrooke, and William Calloway praying to be employed as writers are read and referred for consideration. (1½ *pp.*)

HUGH SALESBURY AT PORTSMOUTH TO SIR JOSEPH WILLIAMSON, SEPTEMBER 11, 1672 (*Public Record Office: S.P. Dom., Car.* II. 315, no. 18).

This morning came to Spithead the Plymouth ships, about 60 sail, small and great. . . . The *Adventure*, with the East India Company's three advisory ships, were their convoy, but since they came out of Plymouth last Monday the *Roebuck* fell in with them. The *Phoenix* from East India came from Plymouth in their company, and the two East India ships here had got out to Spithead yesterday had the wind favoured, but could not. They will get out to-day if possible and then there will be a good fleet together and a good convoy. . . .

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A COURT OF COMMITTEES, SEPTEMBER 13, 1672 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 83).

At the request of Matthew Andrews, on behalf of himself and other owners of vessels now entertained, the Court agree that if the said ships sail from Gravesend by November 20 next the owners shall not suffer even if the ships do not arrive in India until July 15. Mr. Andrews proposing to build a three-decked ship of such dimensions as the Shipping Committee shall direct, the Court declare that if she is ready to sail from Gravesend by November 20, 1673, they will employ her before any other vessel. The Surat Committee, to whom the charge of Sir George Oxinden's account has been referred, to be sent the written demands of Mr. Andrews touching 1,100 rupees with which the said account is charged, and do as they think best in the matter. The Secretary to deliver to Mr. Rogers the covenants and bonds entered into by himself and his brother on the latter's behalf. A survey of the *Unity* is read and approved. Damaged goods returned in the *Massingberd, Unicorn, Antelope, East India Merchant,* and *John and Margaret* to be delivered to the respective owners. A letter written the 12th instant to Captain Heaton is read and approved. The Treasury Committee to send in a written report of the work to be done by an assistant to the Cashier-general, several persons having been in nomination for that post. The accounts of Charles Smeaton, Anthony Welch, and John Jemmet to be examined; also the qualifications of Francis Riccard, Robert Harbin, John Shepard, and George [*sic*] Callaway. The Treasury and Shipping Committees to consider what further ships are necessary to be entertained for this year. (*2 pp.*)

HUGH SALESBURY AT PORTSMOUTH TO SIR JOSEPH WILLIAMSON, SEPTEMBER 15, 1672 (*Public Record Office: S.P. Dom., Car.* II. 315, no. 53).

. . . The *Happy Return* and *Adventure* sailed for the Downs, and were out of sight by ten. With them sailed three men-of-war of the East India Company, all to convoy three East India ships, and several other merchantmen, in all about 60 sail. . . .

A GENERAL COURT, SEPTEMBER 17, 1672 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 88).

The Governor acquaints the generality with the order made by the Court on the 11th instant for the issue of a dividend of twenty per cent,

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and the terms of payment. A motion is made to gratify those who have served this Stock as Governor, Deputy, or Committee since the election in 1666, and an order of the general court held March 30, 1666, being read, it is resolved, *nemine contradicente*, to distribute seven thousand pounds amongst the several Committees whether living or dead, according to each man's appearance from April 14, 1666, to the next election, which will be seven years, the Court to proportion the amounts accordingly. It is also resolved that 200*l.* per annum shall be allowed each Governor, and 100*l.* per annum to each Deputy for the said time. The Governor, Deputy, and Committees looking upon this resolution as a token of 'the Generalities kinde resentment and respect' return them their thanks, and the generality further express their gratitude for the care and pains taken in 'the manageing and good improvement of the Stock'. (1½ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, SEPTEMBER 18, 1672 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 85).

The account of Moses Davies to be examined. A report is read from certain Committees, with the opinion of counsel annexed, as to what proceedings may be taken against those concerned in the death of Captain Dawes, who was killed at Fort St. George, and Moses is directed to take the advice of the Attorney-General in the matter, and Mr. Willoughby to ascertain what relations the said Captain has living in England and where they are. Edward Waldoe and John Gunston admitted to the freedom by redemption. The Committee for Lawsuits to give in a written report of their opinion of the case of Mr. Rawlinson, also to consider what is best to be done touching attachments that have been served on the Husband for several goods in the private-trade warehouse, confer with Moses and do as they think right. Sir Henry Oxinden, one of the executors of the late Sir George Oxinden, to be given a copy of the Company's demands now produced in court. On a report from the Treasury Committee, order is given for the appointment of an able person as Cashier-General at an annual salary of 150*l.* who is to manage that work in all respects as Mr. Dunkin has done hitherto, and undertake the charge of the cash from October 1 next, giving security to the value of 4,000*l.* Dunkin to be continued with the title of Supervisor of the Company's cash and allowed 150*l.* per annum, to begin from next Michaelmas and continue until further order. A fine of 18*d.* per lb. to be imposed on all Lahore indigo and of

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12*d.* per lb. on all Sarkej indigo returned in the Company's ships and brought into their warehouses this year. Robert Hubbold is elected Cashier-General to serve the Company upon the terms already stated. (1½ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, SEPTEMBER 19, 1672 (*Ibid.*, p. 87).

The following youths are elected to serve as writers in India at a yearly salary of 10*l.*: Christopher Oxinden, George Ramsden, John Newton, John Scattergood, Joseph (*sic*) Pownset, Jeremy Peachy, John Wilcox, Robert Carver, Thomas Haggerston, Thomas Mitchell, Francis Riccard, and William Callaway. A letter is read from Sir Lionel Jenkins, Judge of the High Court of Admiralty, to the Deputy recommending Francis Mansel for service, and the Deputy is desired to inform the Judge of the recent order that no more persons are to be entertained this year, but that if Mansel is willing to perfect himself in the keeping of merchants' accounts he shall be considered at the next election, and his being over twenty years of age shall be no prejudice if he is found deserving. A letter from Captain Heaton is read and order given for the freight of the *Olive Branch* to cease in the Downs, but that wages and food be allowed the ship's company until their arrival at Plymouth, of all which the Captain is to be notified. (1 *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, SEPTEMBER 20, 1672 (*Ibid.*, p. 89).

The Coast and Bay Committee to consider and report upon the Company's claims against Sir Edward Winter for money and goods taken by him at Fort St. George in 1666, and for the prejudice caused to their trade by his illegal proceedings there, a copy of their report to be delivered to Sir Edward and satisfaction demanded from him. Payment for lead to be made to Sir John Moore. A petition from Captain William Basse is referred to the Committee for Private Trade. The Shipping Committee to ascertain from the commanders of the *Bombay* and *Phoenix*, now in the river, whether these ships will be refitted and ready for the Company's service by November 1, and if not, then to entertain a good ship in their place and report to the Court. The *Caesar* being now in the river, order is given for a survey to be taken of her. Mrs. Browning to be paid 39*l.* 12*s.* 9*d.*, Sir John Robinson promising to refund what is due if it shall be found that Thomas Browning, who died at Surat, is indebted to the Company. The Cashier-General is enjoined not to receive or keep any private cash

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for any person whatsoever, and no money in the Treasury under his charge except what belongs to the Company. Captains Weslake and Cooley to attend the Court next Wednesday. Mr. Martin's adventure to remain in his name until the business of Messrs. Paige and Cooke is ended. The account of Samuel Billing to be examined. The Governor reports what passed between himself and the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury touching the 40,000*l.* due from the King for saltpetre already delivered, and the security proposed for payment of an additional 550 tons desired by the Master of His Majesty's Ordnance; hereupon he and the Deputy are desired to represent the true state of the case to the Lords Commissioners and to beg their favour that the Company may be encouraged to continue the importation of saltpetre for supply of the nation, and that they will grant an order for the exportation of 250 tons for supplying foreign merchants. (1¾ *pp.*)

TREASURY MINUTE, SEPTEMBER 20, 1672 (*Public Record Office: Treasury Minute Book* iv, pp. 328–31).

A warrant to allow to the Governor and Deputy of the East India Company the duty on two pipes of Spanish wine and two tuns of French wine.

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, SEPTEMBER 25, 1672 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 91).

The Governor reports the conclusion of the business touching the *Leopard*, *Mary Rose*, *Dunkirk*, and *Convertine* which has been depending a long time before the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, viz.: the Company are to pay two thousand guineas into the Privy Purse and another hundred guineas to be 'otherwise disposed of', and be free of all demands concerning the said ships; hereupon it is decreed that when a legal discharge is drawn up and the King's warrant obtained for passing it under the Great Seal the Treasury Committee shall be empowered to pay the said sum. Order is given for thirteen bonds to be drawn up and the Company's seal affixed to them for certain sums of money due for custom on goods returned in thirteen of the Company's ships, the said bonds, after having been adjusted by the Husband and the Accountant, to be given to the Commissioners of Customs. There having been several treaties between the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury and this Court concerning payment of the 40,000*l.* owing by the King for saltpetre, and saltpetre the Company have for sale, their Lordships proposing

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the loan of some money to His Majesty, and the Court representing how prejudicial it is to them to advance money on loan and to be kept from selling part of their saltpetre. Their Lordships agree that, if the Company will advance 20,000*l.*, an assignment shall be granted of 2,000*l.* a week for twenty-six weeks, to begin on December 1 next, for repayment of the said 20,000*l.* with interest at six per cent, and for satisfaction for the 550 tons at the price the rest shall be sold for, to be paid by tallies at the Customhouse. For payment of the 40,000*l.* assigned on the Hearthmoney the Company to be assigned all the customs inwards from December next, until all is paid with the same interest. The Commissioners also agree to the Company selling 250 tons of saltpetre for exportation if the buyers wish it. After some consideration the Court order a general court to be summoned next Friday afternoon to inform the generality of these proposals and, on their approbation, to make a contract accordingly. Great quantities of private trade having been returned in the *London* the matter is referred to the Committee for Private Trade, who are to see that any private seaman bringing home more than his proper allowance be made to pay such freight as shall be judged right; the Committee are also to take notice of the fines on spices now imposed, for this year only, and make up the accounts of the ships accordingly. The Shipping Committee to consider what gratuity is fit to be given to the commanders of the four 'Advisers' and the captains who convoyed the Company's ships into the river, also what acknowledgment shall be made to Sir John Skelton, Deputy Governor at Plymouth, and to Mr. Salesbury at Portsmouth, or to any others for their care and furtherance of the Company's concerns. The Committee for Lawsuits to take into consideration the contract and preamble for the next sale, and the one per cent for taking away the goods sold, and submit a written report. The Deputy Governor to write to Captains Hiway and Gaich. Matthew Andrews and Captain Erwyn declare that the *Bombay* will be ready to sail from Gravesend by November 20 and that the charterparty shall be sealed next Friday. The Shipping Committee to examine Captains Weslake and Cooley about their breach of orders in their last homeward voyage. The petition of Captain John Privet for the freight of some indigo sold to Mr. Blackborne to be charged to his own account is granted. John and Gilbert Upton, Nathaniel Herne, and Henry Haswell, merchants, are accepted in 1,000*l.* apiece as security for Mr. Hubbold, Cashier-General. Sir John Robinson stating that the fourteen soldiers lately returned from

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the Fort were by an agreement he made with them to have 20*s.* a month, besides food, they being employed to reduce the Fort; the matter is referred to the Shipping Committee to do as they see fit. Captain Cumberland, having last September offered a ship then being built at Ipswich, was told that when ready she should be employed if the Company had occasion for her. Later he brought her into the river, but finding no employment ready he intends to take her to the Straits, and begs that at his return she may be employed; he is told that on his return his ship (the *Samuel*) shall be entertained before any other, provided the Company have any use for her. (2¾ *pp.*)

TREASURY MINUTE, SEPTEMBER 25, 1672 (*Public Record Office: Treasury Minute Book* iv, pp. 335–7).

Send to Mr. Lawrence for the two bills and the other papers that relate to the business of the East India Company.

ROYAL WARRANT, SEPTEMBER 26, 1672 (*Public Record Office: King's Warrant Book* III, p. 155).

For a great seal for acquitting the East India Company from articles of agreement concerning freight of ships.

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, SEPTEMBER 27, 1672 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 94).

The Committee for Lawsuits to send in a written report concerning the adventure of Mr. Martin which was sold to Mr. Rawlinson. The Husband to send aboard the nine ships now fitting for the Company's service the proportion of lead allotted to each vessel, and to the *London* also when she is ready to take it in. The account of the late Lawrence Chambers to be examined. Wages and conduct money to be paid to the men in the *Anne*. It being uncertain what transactions are on foot for a treaty between His Majesty and the Dutch, Lord Berkeley, Sir William Thomson, Sir Samuel Barnardiston, Major Thomson, and Messrs. Boone and Jollife, or any three of them, are desired to prepare a memorial for presentation to the King, for the more amicable carrying on of the Company's trade in the Indies and for the prevention of future misunderstandings between the English and the Dutch. The account of Moses to be examined, and he to be requested to procure His Majesty's discharge to the Company for the *Leopard*, *Mary Rose*, *Dunkirk*, and

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Convertine, see that it passes the Great Seal, and draw up a discharge for the Company to give to the King. The commanders of the *Antelope*, *Anne*, *East India Merchant*, and *Bombay* to attend the Court next Wednesday. The petition of Barbara Clarke, whose husband was killed in the *Phoenix* in an engagement with a Dutch man-of-war, is referred to the Committee for Private Trade, who are to report what is fit to be done for her relief. Letters from Mr. Sowton of Stockholm and Charles and James Banks of Hamburg are read, and the Governor is desired to communicate their contents to Prince Rupert and ask for his orders concerning the same. (1½ *pp.*)

A GENERAL COURT, SEPTEMBER 27, 1672 [AFTERNOON] (*Ibid.*, p. 95).

The Governor acquaints the generality that the cause of their present meeting is to ascertain their desires concerning the terms arrived at on the 25th ultimo by the Court of Committees for payment of the 40,000*l.* owing by the King to the Company for saltpetre, and the agreement made touching saltpetre the Company still has to sell, and that if their approbation is accorded a contract will be arranged accordingly. After consideration and debate, it is resolved that the Committees be empowered to agree and conclude with the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury upon the said terms, and in such a manner as they shall judge best for the advantage of the Company. (1 *p.*)

THE COMPANY'S MEMORIAL TO THE KING, OCTOBER 1, 1672[1] (*Public Record Office:* C.O. 77, vol. xii, f. 97).

Humbly representing that of late there was a treaty for several years together between His Majesty and the States-General of the United Netherlands, managed according to the King's directions by the principal Secretary of State, Sir William Temple, to settle the trade and commerce of the two East India Companies. And although no full conclusion was arrived at, yet the result of what it was nearest brought to is comprised in the seven articles enclosed. These they humbly present and pray, that when it shall please His Majesty to have a further treaty with the Dutch, he will be graciously pleased to give instructions for the said articles to be agreed upon, they being such as are equal between both companies and may tend to the prevention of future differences. Unto these said articles the Company have added three clauses: 1. For

[1] For copy see *Home Misc.*, vol. xlii, p. 238.

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reparation of any wrongs that have been done by either Company to the other within the limits of their respective charters since June 20, 1672. 2. For having Damm Island restored to them by the Dutch. 3. That the 36th article of the treaty of Breda may be put in execution. *Signed* John Banks, Governor.

Here follow the seven articles (for copy of which see vol. viii, pp. 153–4 and 213–15). And the proposed additional clauses, viz.: 1. It is also concluded and agreed that what injuries or damages either Company have sustained by the other in any place within the limits of their respective charters since June 20, 1672, shall be repaid and made good to them that shall be found to have suffered, by them that have done the wrong. 2. Whereas the English Company were possest of the island of Damm, alias Damma, by the voluntary and formal surrender of the said island by the native inhabitants, which island the Dutch Company did unduly dispossess them of in July, 1664, destroyed the spice trees and then deserted it, so that they were not in possession at the end of the late war, which possession by the 3rd article of the treaty of Breda only gives each nation the right to what they then possessed. It is therefore agreed, that the said island shall for ever hereafter be and remain to the English Company as their own proper right. And, if the Dutch Company shall be in possession of the same, they shall upon demand and appearance of the English acquit and surrender it to the English Company, or to their agents or assigns, and the States of the United Provinces and the said Dutch Company shall give order to their General and Council at Batavia accordingly. 3. And for the better performance of these articles and for keeping the peace between both nations, it is proposed that the 36th article of the treaty at Breda shall be put in execution, which enjoins that all Governors, Chiefs, Presidents, Generals and Admirals of the Dutch Fleet or Forces shall be obliged by oath religiously to perform the articles of peace. (¾ *p.*)

ORDER OF COUNCIL, OCTOBER 1, 1672 (*Public Record Office: Privy Council Register*, vol. lxiii, p. 316).

It is this day ordered by His Majesty in Council that the East India Company be, and they are hereby permitted and licensed to sell and export out of this kingdom 250 tons of saltpetre. And the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury are to direct the Commissioners of Customs to permit the exportation thereof accordingly.

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TREASURY MINUTE, OCTOBER 1, 1672 (*Public Record Office: Treasury Minute Book* iv, pp. 339–41).

The East India Company to furnish the King with 30,000*l.* worth of saltpetre at the market price as it shall sell by the candle: with allowance of interest, which is to be expressed in the tallies. Which interest is to commence from the 10th of October, and the King to be allowed the same prices and terms by way of discount or otherwise as other merchants do use to be dealt with. *And for this a privy seal to be drawn to empower my Lords to direct the manner and place of payment as they shall see good, and this privy seal to contain also a clause for the payment to the said Company of* 2,000*l. which was for charges expended by the East India Company for four ships cruising westwards* (struck through). *Query* whether this to be done under the Ordnance privy seal. The Company to lend 20,000*l.*: and to have for four cruising ships westward 2,000*l.* with interest from Michaelmas. These to be directed by a privy seal empowering my Lords to order the payment and the manner thereof: all which comes to the sum of 52,000*l.* which my Lords design to be paid out of the Customs by Mr. Mounteney by 2,000*l.* per week for 26 weeks.

Warrant for the great seal for transferring 40,000*l.* which the King owes the East India Company, which debt was registered on the Chimney money and now is ordered to be paid by their (the said East India Company's) own Customs due on the goods imported by them: together with interest at 6 per cent. commencing from Michaelmas Day, 1672.

Send to the Master of the Ordnance about the East India Company's exporting 250 tons of saltpetre. The Privy Council to be moved in it.

TREASURY SUBSCRIPTION, OCTOBER 1, 1672 (*British Museum, Add. MS.* 28,074, p. 91).

Of a docquet dated 1672, September, of a release to the East India Company from several articles of agreement contained in two indentures, both dated Dec. 6, 1661, made between the Navy Commissioners and said Company, and also from the sum of 4,153½ pieces of eight agreed by said Company to be paid to Sir Gervase Lucas, Kt., late Governor of the Island of Bombay as the exchange equivalent for 1,000*l.* sterling by them received out of the Exchequer: said discharge being in consideration of the sum of 2,000*l.* presented to His Majesty by said Company and of their delivery up of two bills to the Treasury Lords,

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one for 262*l.* 13*s.* 6*d.*, the other for 1,572*l.* 18*s.* 0*d.*, also of a release by said Company to His Majesty of several sums of money and other things specified in a schedule annexed to said release.

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, OCTOBER 2, 1672 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 96).

The Company's seal to be affixed to a discharge for the King of several sums of money mentioned in a schedule annexed, and to a letter of attorney authorizing Moses to acknowledge it to be the Company's deed, that the same may be enrolled in Chancery. The Committee for Accounts to consider how the books and business in the Accountant's Office may be effectually carried on, ascertain the abilities of John Russell, assistant to Sambrooke, and report. Mr. Altham to write the Journal which was formerly done by Harbert, and Mr. Cossen to undertake the Ledger. The preamble to be read at the next sale is approved and the Committee for Lawsuits desired to ascertain and report which buyers at the last sale are to be forbidden to sign any further contracts for goods. The Treasury Committee reporting that Dunkin falls short in his cash to the amount of 1,850*l.*, order is given for the said sum to be debited to his account. To enable the cash to be balanced weekly, Hubbold is to cause the Treasury to be shut on Saturdays in winter at 4 o'clock and at 6 o'clock in summer. The draft of a bond, to be given by the Cashier-General and his assistants, to be prepared. The Committee for Private Trade reporting that Captain Basse has served the Company in the *George* in India upwards of two ordinary voyages, and been given a good character by the President and Council of Surat; that he has also done good service in the *London* in the west country, and been at great expense and not left that ship until ordered to do so, the Court direct that he be allowed the freight of two tons of the goods he brought home and given 45*l.* in money. Musk returned in the *Phoenix* to be delivered to Ralph Smith permission free. Moses to be paid the twenty guineas he disbursed in the Company's service. The account of James Walcot to be stated. Captain Zachary Brown to be told by the Shipping Committee what the Company have heard about him. Money due for customs on the Company's bonds to be paid upon discount. The owners of the new ship built for Captain Hide to be allowed 20*s.* per ton for the first two voyages, the same as has been allowed to other new three-decked ships. (1½ *pp.*)

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A COURT OF COMMITTEES, OCTOBER 4, 1672 (*Ibid.*, p. 98).

'Twenty small pounds' to be allowed for tare of each bale of silk put up at the next sale. The bills of Francis Morris to be examined. The Committee for Accounts to settle the rebate and discount to be allowed buyers at the next sale, and give directions to the Accountant and Cashier-General accordingly. An account to be drawn up by the Secretary of the attendance of members at the Courts of Committees from the election in 1666 to the last election in April 1672, and the money due to them respectively for gratuities for that time to be allowed them on goods they buy at the next sale. Captain Hiway's account to be reported. The Shipping Committee to settle and notify commanders of the proportion of guns each outward-bound ship is obliged by charterparty to carry. According to a report now read and approved, the following gratuities are to be given to the captains of the 'advisers' and convoyers, and others who have done the Company service this last summer: to Captain Hiway a tankard value 10*l.* and 30*l.* in money; Captain Gaich a tankard value 10*l.* and 30*l.* in money; to Captain Mathews a tankard value 10*l.* and 20*l.* in money; to Captain Clarke 40*l.* in money; to Captain Pine 20*l.* in money; to Sir John Skelton the value of 100 oz. of plate, in plate or money, as Tillard shall advise; to Messrs. Salesbury and Arrundel 10*l.* apiece; and to Mr. Tillard 50*l.* At the sale on the 8th instant Malabar pepper is to be rated at 9½*d.* per lb., Jambi pepper at 9*d.* per lb., and Quilone at 8¾*d.* per lb. The assigns of the late Thomas Styles to be paid 156*l.* 1*s.* 10*d.*, and the assigns of Moses Davies 19*l.* 1*s.* 3*d.* Permission on musk from Surat and Bantam to be at the rate of 20*s.* per oz., and on that from the Coast and Bay at 16*s.* per oz. Sir Francis Clarke to be allowed interest from the time of payment on 46*l.* paid for saltpetre. A survey of the *Caesar* is approved. Musk and civet returned in the *Phoenix* to be delivered to Agent Foxcroft permission free. The petitions of John Philpe, Thomas Hazard, Robert Gilby, and John Grave are referred to the Committee for Private Trade, and those of Elizabeth Hutchins and William Booker to the Shipping Committee. Messrs. Tweedy Crowther, Matthew Plowman, and John Langham to attend the Court next Monday. (2¼ *pp.*)

TREASURY SUBSCRIPTION, OCTOBER 4, 1672 (*British Museum Add. MS.* 28,074, p. 96).

Of a docquet dated October, 1672, of a warrant to the Exchequer

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for payment of the following sums to the East India Company, viz.: 20,000*l.* with 6 per cent interest in satisfaction of the like sum which they have promised to supply to His Majesty; 2,000*l.* with interest from September 29 last towards their charge in keeping at sea four ships for security of trade to the Westward; 30,000*l.* with interest from the 10th instant in satisfaction of saltpetre to be furnished for His Majesty's service; and 40,000*l.* with interest from September 29 last in satisfaction of saltpetre formerly bought by the King from said Company. The last named sum to be paid by tally out of Customs of East India goods and the others by tallies on the Customs and New Impost on wines and vinegar for 26 weeks at 2,000*l.* a week from December 1 next.

TREASURY WARRANT TO RICHARD MOUNTNEY, CASHIER OF THE CUSTOMS, OCTOBER 5, 1672 (*Public Record Office: Warrants Early* xix, p. 185).

By our warrant of to-day the officers of the Receipt are to levy tallies on you for 27,512*l.* 7*s.* 9½*d.* to be paid to the Treasurer of the Navy. The East India Company has undertaken forthwith to furnish said money upon their bonds for customs of goods imported by them. You are therefore forthwith to demand and receive from John Thorp the said bonds of the East India Company of 27,512*l.* 7*s.* 9½*d.*, which you are to deliver up to said Company, and for your tallies to receive the said tallies in satisfaction thereof, and to give a discharge to said Thorp for delivering said bonds, and you are to cause 6 per cent interest on said bonds to be cast up from the date of said tallies, and to pay the same to the said Company.

CAPTAIN STEPHEN PYEND IN THE *Ruby* IN THE DOWNS TO THE NAVY COMMISSIONERS, OCTOBER 5, 1672 (*Public Record Office: S.P. Dom., Car.* II, 329, no. 90).

. . . A couple of East India men-of-war, bound to Plymouth, are here, and it is reported that they are discharged the Company's service, as well as Captain Highway of Dover. If we were certain of it, the *Jersey* and we that want men might man ourselves very well out of them.

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, OCTOBER 7, 1672 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 101).

The dimensions given of the new ship to be built by Mr. Andrews

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are approved, and order is given for the usual encouragement to be accorded if she shall be employed by the Company. Upon advice that the *Falcon* is at Coolbrant near Hamburg, and that some of her lading may be obtained on reasonable terms, directions are given for the purchase of what calicoes, indigo, cotton yarn, and coffee can be had at the cost price, if not damaged or their packing altered. The private trade of Messrs. Manwaring and Mohun at Masulipatam to be taken into consideration next Friday. The following persons are elected as writers at an annual salary of 10*l.*: James King, William Bates, Robert Harbin, John Pight, Allen Catchpole, John Canham, John Shepard, and William Ayloffe. Jacob Aboab to be permitted to buy goods at the sale, provided he pays 50*l.* into the Treasury to-morrow morning in further part of the pepper he bought from the Company. Certain Committees to examine and adjust the account of gratuities due to the Committees for the past six years, and to consider the work of the Secretary and his assistant in so doing. (1½ *pp.*)

A GENERAL COURT OF SALES, OCTOBER 8–11, 1672 (*Ibid.*, p. 102).

Sale of cotton yarn, Jambi, Malabar, and Bimlipatam pepper, black, white, and long pepper, dust of pepper, coffee, Carmania wool, China roots, olibanum, Lahore and Sarkhej indigo, flat and round indigo, dust of indigo, indigo shirts and skins, benzoin, myrrh, green ginger, tincal, turmeric, shell-lac, gum-lac, stick-lac, seed-lac, sugar candy, saltpetre, longcloth, salampores, parcallas, morees, betellees, Oringal and brown bettellees, allejaes, izzarees or ginghams, sailcloth, cardamoms, sannoes, humhums, canaes, tannieb,[1] mulmuls, diapers, cossaes, broad quilts, broad, narrow, and Serwang chintz, Guinea stuffs, broad and narrow tapseils, nicannees, dungarees, pautkaes brown and blue, broad, narrow, and blue baftas, savaguzzees, damaged calicoes, Camboja and slave clouts, brawles, serias, derebauds, mercollees, taffetas, Tanna stuffs, raw silk, wool, and wrappers, with prices and names of purchasers. (17½ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, OCTOBER 9, 1672 (*Ibid.*, p. 121).

It being observed that several lots of opened goods were offered at the candle but not sold, yet afterwards other lots of the same number were called for and bought, the Committees, thinking if this is allowed

[1] Tangeeb or Tanzīb: fine muslins.

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that it will prove very prejudicial to the Company, resolve that no lots of goods shall in future be offered for sale at the desire of any buyer until the first of the number opened shall have been sold. (½ *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, OCTOBER 11, 1672 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 121).

At the request of Mr. Day and others that some time may be appointed for them to bring in the money for goods bought, in regard to their constant attendance at the sales these four days, the Court declare that all who pay by the 19th instant for what they have bought shall be allowed the full discount. Certain of the Committees are desired to give directions for warrants to be made out for gratuities to the members of the Court and others who have been Governors, Deputies, or Committees for the last six years. Consideration to be taken next Wednesday of entering the attendance at Court of the members, and of forbidding any buyers (except Committees) to sit above where the Governor, Deputy, and Committees meet. (¾ *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, OCTOBER 16, 1672 (*Ibid.*, p. 122).

The Accountant is directed not to deliver any warrants for gratuities to those who have served as members of the Court until their accounts with the Company have been settled. A copy to be made of the clause of the Company's letter to the Bay concerning the estate of the late Thomas Styles and given to Mr. Darnelly. Payment to be made on account of freight and demurrage to the owners of the *Sampson*, *Massingberd*, *Unicorn*, and *Bombay*. Captain Chamblet states that the owners of the *Sampson* will furnish thirty-eight tons of kentledge for the said ship at the usual rate. Mr. Langham, executor to Lady Vincent, asks for the warrant for the dividend of twenty per cent on the adventure of Sir William Vincent, but Mr. Newton requesting the Company to retain the said warrant until his claim to it has been heard, the matter is referred to the Committee for Lawsuits. The petition of James Walcot, late a factor at Masulipatam, to be employed again, is referred to certain Committees who are to ascertain why Walcot left the Company's service and his reasons for wishing to return. The Committee for the Treasury to take up such money at five per cent interest as the Company's occasions require, they are also to consider what has been debated touching the security to be given by Messrs. Harris and Byrch, and report what they think should be done. The account of the late

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Mr. Niclaes to be examined. The request of Mr. Pearle that the difference between the Company and himself may be referred to arbitration is granted, and arbitrators are appointed. A survey of work to be done in the *Bombay* is approved. The following securities are approved: Samuel Champneys, Esq., of Stratford, and John Prowd, mariner, of Stepney, each in 500*l.* for Charles Aston; John Proctor, salter of London, for Francis Thomson in 250*l.*, Thomas Bell, merchant of London, for George Papillon in 500*l.* The Secretary to be paid 150*l.* for disbursements. After debate touching the attendance of members at the courts, the matter is referred to the Committee for Accounts, who are to report what they think should be done. The following warrants for gratuities are entered: George, Lord Berkeley 154*l.*, Sir Samuel Barnardiston 130*l.*, Nathaniel Herne 299*l.*, John Morden 219*l.*, Rowland Wynn 205*l.*, John Paige 277*l.*, James Houblon 240*l.*, Thomas Canham 154*l.*, John Bathurst 204*l.*, Benjamin Albyn 306*l.*, John Jolliffe 254*l.*, Sir James Edwards 121*l.*, Charles Thorold 144*l.*, Christopher Boone 327*l.*, Sir Andrew Riccard 100*l.*, Robert Thomson 200*l.*, and Sir John Robinson 147*l.* (2 *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, OCTOBER 18, 1672 (*Ibid.*, p. 124).

Mr. Andrews requests that Captain George Swanley may be approved as commander of the new three-decked vessel proposed September 13 last to be built for the service of the Company; he is told that the Court intend to appoint such a commander as they shall judge fit, and that Andrews can either go on or stop building the said ship; hereupon he desires time to consider. Resolved that all money due on gratuities to those who have served as Governors, Deputies, or Committees shall be allowed on any goods bought at the last or any former sale. John Godscall and Captain William Williams are accepted as security in 500*l.* for John Pight, writer. John Thornbush and Nicholas Bradley proposing to build a three-decked ship for the Company's service of whatever size is desired, the Court agree and declare that she shall be entertained in due course on certain conditions. The petition is read of Jonathan Wager, seaman, who belonged to the *Phoenix* and lost his hand in that ship's engagement with a Dutch man-of-war, and order is given for him to be entered in the *London*, instructed in navigation by some of the officers, and given 6*l.* for his relief. Payment to be made to Samuel Beeling and John Jemmet in accordance with a report now read. The account of the late Thomas Haslewood to be reported. The

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petition of Thomas Davis is referred to the Committee for Lawsuits, Payment to be made on account of freight and demurrage to the owners of the *East India Merchant* and *Unity*. The petition of Captain John Privet is referred to the Committee for Private Trade. Order is given for certain goods to be delivered to Sir Edward Winter free of fine, they being for the use of his Lady, himself, and some relations. The petition of George Muskle, about goods lost from the lighter which received them from the ship, is referred to the Committee for Lawsuits, who are to assist him in recovering the said goods. At the request of William Wood and Matthew Andrews, order is given for the charter-parties of the *Sampson, Antelope, Bombay, President, Massingberd, Unity, Anne, Caesar,* and *East India Merchant,* to have the same endorsement touching kentledge as the *Falcon* had in 1670, with this difference: the *President* and *Caesar* to be allowed 8*l.* per ton, and the other seven ships 7*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* per ton, and none to be permitted to bring home any red earth as kentledge. The *London* to be hastened to Erith, and report to be made by Captain Prowd of the readiness of the other nine ships. The following warrants for gratuities to those who have served as Governors and Deputies are issued: Sir William Thomson, Governor for two years, 400*l.*, Sir Andrew Riccard, Governor for four years, 800*l.*, Sir William Ryder, Deputy for one year, 100*l.*, John Jollife, Deputy for one year, 100*l.*, and Sir Samuel Barnardiston, Deputy for two years, 200*l.* (2¼ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, OCTOBER 23, 1672 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 127).

A bill of exchange, drawn by Tillard payable to Sir John Frederick and Company, is accepted. Thomas Fitch, purser in the *London*, to be dismissed, and the names of any persons recommended by members of the Court to be submitted to the Shipping Committee, who are to examine their respective qualifications and report. Captain John Pearce, commander of the *Newcastle*, to be given 20*l.* for his care in convoying the Company's ships from Portsmouth to the buoy of the Nore. Payment on account of freight and demurrage to be made to the owners of the *European* and *Phoenix*. Joseph Hall, having sent to his wife some taffetas of a new kind, wishes the Company to see them; hereupon the Court direct that the taffetas be delivered free of fine and that Hall be written to and told only to send home those ordered, and that any new sort must be sent on the Company's account. Goods brought home

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by George Foxcroft to be delivered free of fine in accordance with an order of October 12, 1664. The desires of Captain Miller concerning freight due for the *John and Margaret* are referred to the Committee for Private Trade. Thomas Davis having compounded with his creditors and agreed to pay them 5*s*. in the pound, he is to be given a discharge under the Company's seal. Order is given for only native subjects of the King to be entertained in ships bound to the Indies; of this all commanders are to take notice and man their vessels accordingly. At the request of Captain Chamblet and other owners of the *Sampson* Captain Anthony Earning is approved of as commander of that ship, provided he seals a new charterparty. Payment to be made to the owners of the *Anne* in full of freight. Examination to be made of the right of Giles Whittal to the freedom of the Company. Thomas Winter asks for his brother's dividend warrant, and is told that when Sir Edward Winter shall adjust his accounts the Court will be ready to receive or pay what is due; hereupon Winter asks to whom his brother is to give an account, and is told that the Committee for the Coast and Bay have directed the Auditor to draw up the Company's demands and Sir Edward can apply to them. The account of the *Newland* is referred to the Shipping Committee. The Company's seal to be affixed to a letter of attorney empowering Michael Dunkin to receive money due to the Company out of the Exchequer and give acquittance for it. Provisions delivered to the *Anne* to be placed to the account of that ship. Permission money received for musk over and above a certain rate to be repaid. Giles Whittal to be repaid 5*l*. in accordance with a report now read. The desires of Erasmus Smith concerning his nephew Mancel Smith, a factor at Biliapatam, are referred to the Surat Committee. The following warrants for gratuities to the Committees are signed: John Hobby 158*l*., Sir Jonathan Dawes 41*l*., Henry Dacres 94*l*., Robert Boyle 23*l*., Captain J. V. Brookhoven 33*l*., William Harrington 38*l*., Abraham Dolins 22*l*., John Goodier 52*l*., Thomas Bromfield 159*l*., Matthew Andrews 44*l*., Sir Francis Clarke 234*l*., 'this warrant was not signed till 15 January 1672–3'. (2½ *pp*.)

A Court of Committees, October 25, 1672 (*Ibid*., p. 129).

The account of the adviser *St. Ann* to be reported. The Company's seal to be affixed to the answer now read to the complaint of John Jones which is to be exhibited in Chancery. Certain Committees to give instructions for drawing up the Company's answer to Daniel

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Skinner's bill in Chancery. Report to be made of permission money paid for musk by Walter Nurse. Jeremy Baxter is chosen purser in the *London*. Matthew Andrews states that the new ship he proposed to build for the service of the Company shall be proceeded with and ready by the time proposed, and commander and mates offered for the approval of the Court. A report from the Shipping Committee giving a list of the gratuities fit, in their opinion, to be given to the captains of the respective convoys is read and approved; the list is as follows: to Captain Keen of the *Welcome* 15*l*., Captain Seaman of the *Falcon* 10*l*., Captain Christopher Mason of the *Dover* 10*l*., Captain Nicholas Pyne of the *Ruby* 15*l*., the gratuity formerly appointed not being paid; to the captains of the two ships that came in with the *Phoenix* and *Satisfaction* 10*l*. each; to Hugh Salesbury, over and above what was formerly ordered, 10*l*., Captain Nicholas Heaton, director of the four advisers from June 1 to October 15, 90*l*., also a tankard of the value of 10*l*. Damaged pepper to be delivered to the owners of the *Phoenix* and *Satisfaction*. Roger Scattergood and Robert Masters accepted as security in 500*l*. for John Scattergood, writer. The following writers are appointed to serve at Surat: John Newton, John Pownset, John Pight, Robert Carver, Thomas Hagerston, Thomas Mitchel, James King, William Bates, Robert Harbin, and John Shepard; at the Coast and Bay, Christopher Oxinden, George Ramsden, John Scattergood, Jeremy Peachy, John Canham, John Wilcox, Francis Riccard, William Callaway, William Ayloff, and Allen Catchpoole. A request being made that some consideration be given to owners of vessels returned this year from the Indies, in regard of the great expenses incurred by their being detained in the West Country, and on account of food and wages, the matter is referred to the Shipping Committee, who are to ascertain the time these ships were detained, the reasons for the same, and report what they think is fit to be done, not forgetting the charge the Company incurred in sending Advisers to convoy the said vessels on their return. Payment to be made to Walter Nurse in accordance with a report now read. A bill of exchange for 107*l*. 5*s*. drawn by the Agent and Council at Bantam payable to Richard Cooke is accepted. Eighty soldiers to be entertained to serve the Company in India. The petition of George Trotter is referred for examination. Inquiries to be made concerning the security proposed for Robert Carver. A report from the Committee for Accounts is read, and the Court order that in future Harbert and Altham apply themselves solely to keeping the Journal and Ledger,

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and that the casting up discounts, interest on bills, freight accounts, etc., be allotted to Messrs. Butler, South, Hooper, and Ashby, clerks in the Accountant's Office, and that no bills are to be signed by Harbert or Altham until two of the said clerks have signed them. It is also resolved to entertain an expert accountant to assist Harbert with the Journal, that the latter may have time to examine these books and see that due entries are made from the books that come from the several factories in India so that the general books at home may correspond with those of the chief factories abroad. Warrants to be made out for payment of the yearly gratuities promised to Messrs. Harbert and Altham for balancing the books. The following warrants are issued for gratuities to Committees: to Richard Spencer 12*l.*, Sir Steven White 34*l.*, Sir Steven Langham 52*l.*, Thomas Papillon 232*l.*, Peter Vandeputt 106*l.*, John Mascal 46*l.*, Sir John Moore 93*l.*, Nicholas Morris 46*l.*, Sir William Rider 58*l.* (2¾ *pp.*)

TREASURY WARRANT TO RICHARD MOUNTENEY, OCTOBER 25, 1672 (*Public Record Office: Warrants Early* xix, p. 184).

In pursuance of the letters patent of the 7th instant, we have directed the Officers of the Receipt to levy tallies on you for 20,000*l.*, 2,000*l.*, and 30,000*l.*, amounting in all to 52,000*l.* with interest thereon to the East India Company (*ut supra*, p. 96), and likewise similar tallies for 40,000*l.* to the East India Company for saltpetre formerly sold by them to the King, together with 6 per cent interest thereon from September 29 last. You are hereby to pay the said 52,000*l.* tallies out of the customs receipts beginning from December 1st, and out of the new impost on wines and vinegar by 2,000*l.* a week, viz. 1,400*l.* a week on the customs and 600*l.* a week on the new impositions: and to pay the 40,000*l.* tallies out of the receipts from the customs of goods imported by said East India Company from December 1st next, 'notwithstanding these payments are not entered into our weekly lists'.

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, OCTOBER 30, 1672 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 132).

Mr. Aboab's account to be examined. Frances Catchpoole, widow, and Robert Catchpoole, cheesemonger of London, accepted as security in 500*l.* for Allen Catchpoole, writer. The account of the late Thomas Wilson, Minister at Surat, to be examined. Certain Committees to confer with Mr. Hubbold and consider how the business under his

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management may be proceeded with and no discouragement caused him. Mr. Delavere's claim to pepper bought by Mr. Plowman to be examined. The Committee for Lawsuits to perfect the engagements to be signed by the principals for goods the brokers buy for them at the Court of Sales, and the Committees for the several warehouses to send to the brokers to bring their principals to sign the said engagements also. The Deputy Governor and Major Thomson to treat with a person who has some proposals to make for prevention of private trade, keep the same secret and report. Remission for overtonnage of freight to be made to Sir Edward Winter. Payment to be made to Alderman Backwell for interest and the Company's seal to be affixed to the releases. The account of the late Charles Smeaton and of Naylor Dyer to be examined, also Mrs. Bowtel's bill for printing. Elizabeth Hutchins to be paid 5*l.* for wages due to her late husband and to be allowed 5*l.* out of the poor-box because of her poverty, caused by the death of her husband and son in the Company's service. By desire of Jeremy Sambrook, Cassa Verona is to be given half a piece of the finest scarlet at prime cost. Fines on certain goods, returned in the *Sampson*, belonging to the late Walter Hooke, minister at Fort St. George, to be remitted to his executors. (1½ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, NOVEMBER 1, 1672 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 134).

The following securities are approved: Robert and John Harbin in 500*l.* for Robert Harbin, Junior, writer. Robert and Simon Baxter in 500*l.* for Jeremy Baxter, purser in the *London*. John Ramsden, Senior and Junior in 500*l.* for George Ramsden, writer. John and Edmond Mitchel in 500*l.* for Thomas Mitchel, writer. An engagement for those who bought goods by their brokers at the last sale is approved by the Court. Order is given for the gratuities (already specified) to be allowed to the several captains of the men-of-war belonging to the King; and to others. The sum of 10*l.* to be paid to the assigns of Nailor Dyer in the Bay. A report, touching the investment in piece-goods to be made in the Bay, is approved. Altham wishing to assist Harbert in keeping the Journal, he is appointed to do so, and the Committee for Accounts are desired to report which of the clerks is fittest to write up the Ledger. Consideration touching the report of Messrs. Mohun and Manwaring's private trade in India is referred. Mr. Butler is appointed to post the Ledger of the general books. Remission of freight on certain goods

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returned in the *Bombay* and consigned to the late Captain Whitehorne to be allowed to his widow. (1¾ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, NOVEMBER 6, 1672 (*Ibid.*, p. 136).

A bill of exchange drawn on the Governor by Morgan Lodge is accepted, and order given for his account of provisions bought for the *Alicant* and *Newland Merchant* to be examined and the amount charged to the respective accounts of the said ships. The following securities are accepted: Lady Riccard and John Riccard in 500*l.* for Francis Riccard, writer. Thomas Haggerston and Christopher Conyers in 500*l.* for Thomas Haggerston, Junior, writer. Henry and John Newton in 500*l.* for John Newton, Junior, writer. Ann Carver, widow of Henry Hampson, in 500*l.* for Robert Carver. John Gerrard, hosier, and John Upcher, weaver, in 500*l.* for John Pownsett, writer. George Trotter, late gunner's mate in the *Falcon*, to be given 6*l.*, he having lost his arm and received other wounds in an engagement with the Dutch man-of-war. The Governor reports that His Royal Highness has placed the following ships at the disposal of the Company for a convoy: the *Princess*, Captain Richard Munden, the *William and Thomas*, Captain Thomas Pyles, the *Mary and Martha*, Captain Butler, and the *Levant Merchant*, Captain Hobbs, also two fire-ships; hereupon he is desired to tell Captain Munden that an allowance for fresh provisions shall be made and a gratuity given to him on his return. The several tallies struck in the Exchequer for 92,000*l.* payable to the Company from his Majesty's customs are brought into court, and the Governor is thanked for the great trouble and pains he has taken in this matter. The Committee for the Treasury to have a list taken of the tallies, receive them into the Treasury, examine the cost of procuring them and have a warrant made out for it. One hundred guineas to be given by the Governor and Deputy to a person who has done 'eminent service for the Company'. Report to be made of the fines placed to the account of Agent Foxcroft for goods returned. Mrs. Mohun desiring to send her husband several chests of wine and other necessaries in the Company's ships, it is referred to the Shipping Committee to consider what accommodation should be allowed to her, or to any others who wish to send out goods to any of the Company's factors, in order that the ships may be kept 'joccant in their passage through the seas'; also in which ships goods sent to the respective factories shall be laden; the Committee is also to direct that no goods whatsoever (except such as

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belong to owners, masters, and mariners as part of the five per cent allowed) be laden in any of the Company's ships till further order. The Committee for Lawsuits to prepare the draft of a bill of lading to be given for all money and goods to be sent this year in the Company's ships to India. All ships entertained this year to serve the Company to be allowed the same terms and conditions as were granted, on September 6 last, to the *Anne*, *Bombay*, *Antelope*, *East India Merchant*, and *President*. A petition to be drawn up by the Shipping Committee for presentation to the King. William Bowtel, printer, to be paid 27*l.* 17*s.* George Trotter, in addition to the 6*l.* already given him, is to be allowed 4*s.* a week until March 25 next, he being unfit for service. (2¼ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, NOVEMBER 8, 1672 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 138).

Sir Thomas Player and William Sheppard accepted as security in 500*l.* for John Sheppard, writer. Inquiries to be made as to the sufficiency of the security proposed for John Wilcox, writer. On the recommendation of Sir John Frederick, President of Christ's Hospital, Richard Milton is entertained as an apprentice in India for seven years at an annual salary of 5*l.*, and Captain Prowd is directed to provide him with a suit of clothes and other necessaries for the voyage. Mr. Delavere's business to be examined. Streinsham Master to be permitted to export five tons of red lead freight free for India, he having informed the Company that it will be to their advantage to trade in it. Two brass cannons from Woolwich to be sent to Surat, and the Shipping Committee to ascertain whether it is necessary to send carriages and ball with them. An able dyer to be sought to serve the Company in India. Sir Edward Winter to be furnished with a copy of the Company's demands against him. The Committee for Buying Goods to employ other hot-pressers if those already entertained are found negligent in the dispatch of their work.[1] (1 *p.*)

HUMPHREY EDWIN TO THOMAS TURNOR, NOVEMBER 12, 1672 (*Home Miscellaneous*, vol. xxxvi, p. 40).

The Committee have noticed that Turnor has not paid the Company the money awarded to be paid to them last August and this present

[1] In the list of warrants signed is one for 363*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* 'To be made paid in cash.' See note on p. 19 of previous volume.

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month, so have instructed Edwin to ascertain the reason, and to inform Turnor that he must pay up speedily to prevent trouble and charge to himself and his father. (¼ *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, NOVEMBER 13, 1672 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 140).

Sir Henry Oxinden and William Johnson, both of Wingham, Kent, accepted as security in 500*l.* for Christopher Oxinden, writer. Elizabeth Hutchins is given another 5*l.* from the poor-box. Sir James Edwards reports concerning pepper bought by Messrs. Delavere and Plowman, an attestation from the auditors is read, and the matter again referred for further report. Thomas Martin to be permitted to transfer to Daniel Rawlinson 1,000*l.* adventure paid in, provided he seals an instrument to the Company that 1,000*l.* shall always remain in his name to save them harmless in the business of Paige and Cooke, and be liable for the same as if the adventure had remained in his own name. On the representation of Mr. Paige from those interested in the Post Office at Crosby House, the Committee for the Pepper Warehouse are to be asked to give what accommodation they can for sifting pepper on the days when fewer merchants assemble at the House, and to have iron or tin shutters made to the grates of the vaults to prevent any inconvenience being caused the Company by fire. The answer of Sir Edward Winter to the demands of the Company is referred to the Committee for the Coast and Bay. The petition of Captain Cowley, about the fine on some coral that was seized by the King's waiters and lost, is referred to the Committee for Private Trade. A Statute book and other books now mentioned as necessary to be sent to Bombay, to be bought at once by Mr. Albyn, and this to be noted in the general letter to Bombay. The Governor and Major Thomson to attend the King and Prince Rupert about the Commission and Instructions lately presented by the Company. Mr. Day to be allowed three per cent on money paid in by him for goods bought at the sale and not delivered. (2 *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, NOVEMBER 14, 1672 (*Ibid.*, p. 142).

Resolved that the same entertainment and encouragement shall be accorded Gerald Aungier as President at Surat, as was given to Sir George Oxinden. Report to be made as to the qualifications of Mr. Calton, who went out as Chaplain in the *Satisfaction*. Rules to be prepared by the Committee for Shipping and Plantations for such women as are

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permitted to go to Bombay. Certain Committees to consider and report as to what salaries they think should be given to those holding the posts of first, second, and third in the chief factories in India; to the chiefs at the subordinate factories and to the several factors and writers at the expiration of the five years mentioned in their covenants; also what part of the same should be paid to them in India for their maintenance; and what may tend to the encouragement of such others as shall be found to be industrious and deserving in the Company's service. Money due to Gerald Aungier for his one-fourth part of permission goods, to be placed to his account, and interest allowed him for the same. Jacob Smith, who on July 26 last was appointed to Bantam as a factor at a salary of 30*l.* per annum, or to return home if he chose, is, on further consideration, entertained as a factor for Fort St. George at an annual salary of 25*l.* and to be dismissed from the Council. The following annual salaries are allotted to factors serving at Surat: to Caesar Chamberlain 35*l.*, Charles Bendish 30*l.*, Mansel Smith 25*l.*, and Charles Ward 25*l.*; to those at the Coast: George Chamberlain 30*l.*, John Field 30*l.* (1½ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, NOVEMBER 15, 1672 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 143).

John Peachy, Doctor, and Francis Eads, Apothecary, are accepted as security in 500*l.* for Jeremy Peachy, writer. John Terret, silk-dyer, is chosen to serve in the Bay at an annual salary of 50*l.* and is to be furnished with such dyeing stuffs as are necessary for him to take there. William Perse to be paid 5*l.* for acting as second mate in the *London* most of the voyage in the place of the late Charles Bart. Dr. William Bates and Brabazon Aylmer, bookseller, accepted as security in 500*l.* for William Bates, writer. The request of shipowners who brought home dungarees to be allowed an increase of freight for the said goods, is referred to the Committee for Private Trade. Two Persian carpets returned in the *London* to be delivered freight-free to Sir Edward Turner. A report touching the form of bills of lading for such money and fine goods as shall be sent out in the Company's ships this year is read, and referred for several amendments, in accordance with the debate now had. (1½ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, NOVEMBER 20, 1672 (*Ibid.*, p. 145).

James Buck and Robert Burges accepted as security in 500*l.* for

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John Wilcox, writer. The Committee for the Coast and Bay to ascertain the abilities of John Terret, silk-dyer, lately entertained by the Company, and to speak with Mr. Cole, who desires the like employment, about his skill and knowledge in dyeing silk. The Treasury Committee reporting that two of the members of the Court have supplied the Company's occasions with 5,000*l.* taken up at interest on their own bond and lodged in the Treasury, order is given for them to be secured by the Company. When George Papillon and Thomas Bell have sealed a bond of 500*l.* to the Company, the former bond of the like penalty given by Mr. Papillon and Mr. Robert Davis is to be delivered up. Warehouse-keepers to choose when hiring porters those who are freemen of the City, provided they are trusty and will serve for the same wage as others. Payment to be made to Anthony Welsh in accordance with a report now read. Captain Thomas Cullen, commander of the *Newland Merchant*, is given a gratuity of 10*l.* and a tankard of the same value for his care and pains in the Company's service. William Ayloffe of Barnstaple and Michael Cory of West Buckland are accepted as security in 500*l.* for William Ayloffe, Junior, writer, but the elder Ayloffe being out of town Sir Samuel Barnardiston is accepted in his stead for the time being. The petition of John Graves is referred to the Shipping Committee, and the petition of Sarah Hacon to the consideration of Messrs. Davison and Thorold. Sir Edward Winter to be permitted to send a black servant in one of the Company's ships for India on payment of all charges. Some seed pearl, Manilla plate, and two pieces of cuttanees returned in the *London* to be delivered permission free to Lady Glascock. Mr. Powel's request touching some indigo brought from the Coast is referred to the Committee for Private Trade. A bill of exchange payable by Mr. Paige to the Company is received from Nicholas Cullen of Dover. The form of a bill of lading to be given for bullion and fine goods to be exported in the Company's ships is read and approved. (2¼ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, NOVEMBER 22, 1672 (*Ibid.*, p. 148).

Jeremy Callaway and Thomas Girdler accepted as security in 500*l.* for William Callaway, writer. Goods mentioned in a report signed by the Shipping Committee to be permitted to be shipped in the vessels named for account of the factors in India, the said Committee to give permission for such other goods as shall be desired to be sent for the use of the Company's factors free of freight. The account of Simon

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Breton to be examined. The request of Jeremy Sambrooke is referred to the Committee for Private Trade. Thomas Ashby, one of the clerks in the Accountant's office, is appointed to attend on the Committee for Lawsuits, and to observe all directions given him for the Company's service. Thomas Canham and Matthew Datchelar accepted as security in 500*l.* for John Canham, writer. Jane Amos, whose husband died in the Company's service in the Bay, is given 5*l.* from the poor-box. The account of Thomas Amos, silk-dyer, to be reported. Interest at the rate of 5 per cent to be allowed the administrator of the late Thomas Wilson, minister, for such money as shall appear to have been paid into the Company's cash at Surat as proceeds of his estate. The Husband to deliver to Sir Thomas Chicheley, the Master of the Ordnance, the saltpetre reserved from the sale for the King's service. Four tons of copper for the Company's use to be received from Sir John Worden. (1½ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, NOVEMBER 25, 1672 (AFTERNOON) (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 149).

The Shipping Committee to confer with Captain Munden concerning the present voyage, and direct the providing of such instruments for navigation as shall be needful. They are also to consider what is fit to be allowed the respective commanders going out in this service for fresh provisions, and what further commissions are necessary to be granted to the Flag officers, bound for India. The Court, after long and serious debate touching the qualifications of several persons now proposed as Admiral, Vice-Admiral, and Rear-Admiral of the Company's fleet bound for India, refer the whole matter for further consideration to next Wednesday. (1 *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, NOVEMBER 27, 1672 (*Ibid.*, p. 150).

The account of the late James Hopkins to be stated. The Treasury Committee to send the treasure to Gravesend as soon as the ships are ready to receive it. The owners of the *John and Margaret* to be paid 1,000*l.* on account of freight. Bray Chowne to be allowed to lade in the Company's ships seventy-five oz. of foreign gold permission free, and Jeremy Sambrooke wearing apparel and other goods enumerated in a paper now read. Payment, in accordance with a report read, to be made to Vincent Savery or to his assigns. Certain Committees to inquire

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concerning the qualifications of Robert Lloyd, who is proposed to serve as a chaplain in India. The following Flag officers are elected for the fleet now bound for India: Captain William Basse to be Admiral, Captain Jonathan Hide, Vice-Admiral, and Captain Anthony Earning, Rear-Admiral. The Committee for Private Trade to settle the proportion of tonnage to be allowed Mr. Mainston on goods brought from India. The fine on coral returned in the *Bombay* to be remitted, provided Captain Erwyn and others concerned satisfy the Committee for Private Trade as to its true price and cost. Robert Cole, silk-dyer, is elected to serve in the Bay at an annual salary of 50*l.* Henry Brewster is awarded a gratuity of 30*l.* for pains and care in the Company's service. Payment to be made to the owners of the *Sampson* and of the *East India Merchant.* (1½ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, NOVEMBER 29, 1672 (*Ibid.*, p. 152).

Captain Basse to be allowed 10*l.* a month for this present voyage in the *London.* It being reported that some able pilots are wanted for the ships sailing under the command of Captain Munden, also some allowance for fresh provisions to the commanders, and additional wages to the mates, the matter is referred to the Shipping Committee and to the Committee for Writing Letters, who are to give such directions as may conduce to the speedy dispatch of the said vessels. The Shipping Committee are also to notify the owners of the nine ships lately entertained by the Company, so that fresh provisions may be ready at Deal by the time of the arrival of the ships in the Downs and 'boxes of succession' provided to be sent aboard. Three pipes of wine to be sent in the *London,* one pipe to be for the use of the great cabin. Kentledge to be provided for the ships. John Jemmat to be paid 18*l.* 18*s.* 6*d.* Mr. Key to be allowed to export a chest of looking-glasses for William Probart, freight free. The fine on some coral taken out by Mr. King in the *Bombay* and sold to Mr. Reade to be placed to the account of the latter. The bond and covenants of Simon Breton as purser in the *Charles* to be cancelled. Mr. Stracey to be allowed to export a chest of glasses to the value of 10*l.* Captain Basse, commander of the *London,* to be allowed 10*l.* for fresh provisions, and 10*l.* for extra expenses as he wears the Flag. Payment to be made to the owners of the *Bombay* and of the *Antelope* in full of freight and demurrage. A list of the ten ships as ranked in three squadrons is read and approved. (1¾ *pp.*)

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A COURT OF COMMITTEES, DECEMBER 2, 1672 (AFTERNOON) (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 153).

The commanders of the ten ships bound for India appearing according to order are told by the Deputy Governor, that besides the Company's commissions the Court have procured for them commissions from His Royal Highness because of the present war. That for the better security of the Company's ships and estates they are to keep together, and have been ranked into three squadrons, with Captain Basse in the *London*, as Admiral, Captain Jonathan Hide in the *President* as Vice-Admiral, and Captain Anthony Earning in the *Sampson* as Rear-Admiral. This disposition of the ships is only for the sake of order and not to be looked upon as casting reflection upon any. The Company's design is to carry on their trade, and it is hoped there will be no occasion for engaging the enemy, yet if there should be the commanders are to remember their obligation, not only by charterparty and in point of honour, but that they have the commission of His Royal Highness, all which engages them to act 'as becomes persons in such commands and trusts'. The Court also declare that they will consider 'the merit and sufferings of such of them as should carry it worthily in their service'. The commanders are again enjoined to keep together, to preserve amity and friendship among themselves, to observe the orders of their superior officers, and be careful to keep up the worship of God in their ships. They are to consult before leaving Gravesend how to keep together in the Downs, and whether it will be advisable to go over the Flats or through the King's Channel, and write their opinions to Captain Prowd. Captains Basse, Hide, and Earning return their humble acknowledgements and promise their utmost care and endeavours in discharge of the trust committed to them. Some of the commanders declare they would rather be excused and have others supply their places, but the rest express their satisfaction with the present settlement and promise to use their best endeavours to further the voyage. The ten commissions prepared for the commanders of the Company's ships to be sealed with the Company's large seal. Mr. Reynardson is allowed to send a barrel of cheese to his brother, and John Mead and Mr. Adman are given leave to export some cordage on paying the freight. (1½ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, DECEMBER 4, 1672 (*Ibid.*, p. 155).

The Court, judging it necessary to dispeed the ten ships into the

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Downs, desire certain Committees to go to Gravesend, see what readiness the said ships are in as regards men and provisions, call the commanders together and give them the following directions: that if they cannot with safety go over the Flats, then they are to sail in company through the King's Channel, not leaving any of the smaller ships to go over the Flats, and that two ketches are appointed to sail ahead of them for their better dispatch and security till they arrive in the Downs. These ketches the Committees are to direct Captain Prowd to engage, with skilful masters, who know the Channel well and who are to let the commanders know what time they will attend them at Gravesend in order to see them dispatched from thence. The owners of the *Unity* and of the *Massingberd* to be paid for freight and demurrage. Mr. Plummer is given liberty to ship out some silver lace and six belts, permission free; and Mr. Bellamy a pipe of Canary, free of freight. Permission to be paid in ready money for all bullion, jewels, and fine goods exported or imported for any of the Company's factors, and not to be put to their account. (1½ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, DECEMBER 5, 1672 (AFTERNOON) (*Ibid.*, p. 156).

The wife of John Terret to be paid 30*l.* in full of her husband's first year's salary of 50*l.*, he having already received 20*l.*, and order is given for the payment of 20*l.* annually to his wife here, and of 30*l.* to himself in India, advice of this to be sent in the general letter to Fort St. George. The commanders of the ten ships (the *Anne* excepted) receive their commissions and instructions from His Royal Highness and from the Company, and are directed to keep company and hasten into the Downs. Mr. Lloyd is recommended to the Company as a chaplain, he having been ten years at Cambridge, taken the degree of Master of Arts, and being 'of good life and conversation'; hereupon the Court desire him to preach (by way of trial) next Sunday afternoon, if leave can be obtained, at St. Martin's Outwytch. (1 *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, DECEMBER 6, 1672 (*Ibid.*, p. 157).

The account of Stephen Smart, plumber, to be examined, also the account of John Spary. John Mead is admitted to the freedom by redemption. A list of goods to be provided at the Coast and Surat for next year's ships is read and approved, and order given that they be written for. The administrators of James Hopkins to be paid 20*l.*

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A letter is read from the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen desiring that only freemen may be employed as porters by the Company; hereupon certain Committees are desired to attend the said Court and inform them of the opinion of this Court in the matter. (1 *p.*)

WARRANT FROM TREASURER CLIFFORD TO MR. MOUNTNEY, DECEMBER 6, 1672 (*Public Record Office: Warrants not relating to money* III, p. 205).

To pay tallies levied on the Customs to the value of 48,000*l.* for the service of the Navy; paying same preferably before any other tallies except those struck for the 2,000*l.* per week to meet the 52,000*l.* to the East India Company, and the tallies for 1,000*l.* a week to meet 9,000*l.* to the Garrison of Tangier.

WARRANT FROM TREASURER CLIFFORD TO RICHARD MOUNTNEY, DECEMBER 9, 1672 (*Public Record Office: Money Book* (*Customs*), p. 81).

The East India Company have undertaken to furnish 941*l.* 16*s.* 3*d.* upon their own bonds for customs. You are to call on John Thorpe for the said bonds (being the officer in whose hands they are) and to receive the same of him, discharging him thereof, and then to deliver them up to said East India Company, receiving the abovesaid tallies from them for your discharge. You are to allow said Company a rebate of 6 per cent on said bonds.

TREASURY WARRANT TO THE CASHIER OF THE CUSTOMS, DECEMBER 9, 1672 (*Public Record Office: Warrants Early* xix, p. 184).

To execute the Treasury warrant of October 25 last, for payment of tallies for 52,000*l.* and 40,000*l.* to the East India Company.

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, DECEMBER 9, 1672 (AFTERNOON) (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 158).

The petition of Captain George Erwyn for remission of the fine on certain calicoes and taffetas is granted, these being for the use of his wife, his three children, and himself; he also asks to be permitted to ship out some coarse coral and some coral beads as the Company have not sent out any this year. A good report of the 'learning and good conversation' of Robert Lloyd having been received, he is elected as chaplain for Bombay with an annual salary of 50*l.* and a yearly gratuity of the like sum if he shall be found 'deserving'. He is also to be given 20*l.* for necessaries for his voyage. (¾ *p.*)

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A COURT OF COMMITTEES, DECEMBER 11, 1672 (*Ibid.*, p. 159).

Examination to be made of the account of Morgan Lodge. Sarah Hacon to be paid 4*l.* Dorman Shepard is admitted to the freedom by service with Sir William Thomson. Payment to be made to Stephen Smart. A letter from Captain Langston, late commander of the *Newcastle*, directed to Sir James Edwards is read; in it the Captain asks that some consideration may be given him for bringing seven of the Company's ships into port; the letter is referred to the Shipping Committee. Sir William Thompson to request the Commissioners of Customs not to have the ships that are cleared named in the printed bills of entries. Spice to be given to the Commissioners of Customs and to such of their officers as is usual, also to the Company's servants the same as last year. Sir William Langhorne to be allowed an annual salary of 200*l.* and a gratuity of 100*l.* from the time he became Agent at Fort St. George. (1¼ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, DECEMBER 13, 1672 (*Ibid.*, p. 161).

The arbitrators in the difference between the Company and Mr. Pearle are granted an extension of time, until February 1, the latter giving bond to stand to their award. The Treasury Committee to send 200 pieces of eight aboard the *London*. A letter from the Committees at Gravesend is read, and order given for an answer to be returned. Joseph Lindsey is admitted to the freedom by redemption. (¾ *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, DECEMBER 16, 1672 (*Ibid.*, p. 162).

Mr. Moyer reporting the condition of the ten ships at Gravesend states that kentledge, men, and provisions are wanting in the *President*, that the *Bombay* and *East India Merchant* both need men, and that Captain Munden's ships have as yet only old provisions; hereupon the Court order kentledge, men, and provisions to be provided and sent aboard the *President*, that the owners of the *East India Merchant* be requested to send her full complement of men aboard, that certain Committees repair at once to Gravesend to hasten the sailing away of the said ships out of the Hope, and that instructions be drawn up and sent to them. Sir John Worden to be written to and told about the want of provisions for the ships under Captain Munden's care. The attendance of the Committees who went last Friday to Gravesend to be entered in that day's court, and the same to be done for any Committees who shall be absent on any court day on the Company's business. (1 *p.*)

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A COURT OF COMMITTEES, DECEMBER 18, 1672 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 163).

Morgan Lodge to be paid the balance of his account and allowed 10*l*. for his service for the last eighteen months. Instructions are also to be given to him by the Committee for Private Trade concerning the management of the Company's business, especially for preventing the inconvenience of taking away the letters from the pursers of the Company's ships on arrival in the Downs. The sum of 5*l*. to be given to the poor of the parish of St. Andrew Undershaft, according to the usual custom, and 12*l*. to the widows of seamen who have been in the Company's service. It is resolved to consider at the first meeting of the Court in January how a stock may be raised for charitable uses. The bills of the upholsterers and beam-makers to be examined. Certain Committees to consider and report what gratuities should be given to the Customhouse officers both in London and at Gravesend. The petition of John Tabor is referred to the Committee for Private Trade. What is due on the account of Captain Cony to be ascertained, also what authority his wife has to receive the same. Sir Edward Winter's answer is referred to the Committee for the Coast and Bay to report upon. (1¼ *pp*.) [1]

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, DECEMBER 20, 1672 (*Ibid*., p. 164).

A report from the Treasury Committee is read touching the gratuities to be given to the Officers of the Customs in London, in which they state that after consulting with Mr. Sprigg, the Husband, they opine that 155*l*. should be distributed to the King's surveyors, waiters, and other officers, and 56*l*. to the Commissioners' waiters. Enclosed in the report is a detailed list of the gratuities to be given and to whom. The Court approve and direct that a warrant be made out for the sum stated, which the Husband is to pay accordingly. Mr. Moyer reports the proceedings of the Committees who went to Gravesend, and the good condition the ships were in for sailing out of the Hope. The Shipping Committee to examine the abuses done by the *Katherine* at 'the Mohelias' [2] two years ago, what private ships are going out contrary to the Company's charter, and prepare a petition to the King about this. Edith Harris is given 40*s*. in addition to her salary for the last two years, for her great care in looking after the Company's House. (2 *pp*.) [3]

[1] Warrant signed for 59*l*. 7*s*. 0*d*. 'to be made paid in cash book'.
[2] Mohillas.
[3] Warrant signed for 40*l*. 'to be made paid in cash'.

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ORDER IN COUNCIL, DECEMBER 20, 1672 (*Public Record Office: S.P. Dom., Car.* II. 319, no. 48).

On the petition of the Royal African Company which sets forth that His Majesty has lately reinforced the former charter excluding from the African trade from Sallee to the Cape of Good Hope all his subjects not warranted by the Company, and also that His Majesty has vested the sole trade eastward from the Cape of Good Hope in the East India Company, and that, notwithstanding, some persons attempting as formerly to invade the trade of both Companies, have laden several ships at London and elsewhere, with commodities vendible in no other parts of the world than those comprised in the said charters for the purchase of negroes; that the said ships bound for ports appropriated to either of the said charters be forthwith stopped, and that the Lord Treasurer is to give orders accordingly.

AN ACCOUNT OF PAYMENTS MADE TO CUSTOMHOUSE OFFICERS, DECEMBER 20, 1672 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvA, p. 112).

By order of the Company Thomas Sprigg pays the sum of 211*l.* to the Customhouse officers for the discharge of fifteen ships, arrived from the East Indies in 1672, in accordance with a list given. (¾ *p.*)

HUMPHREY EDWIN TO THOMAS TURNOR, DECEMBER 21, 1672 (*Home Miscellaneous*, vol. xxxvi, p. 40).

Acknowledges his letter of the 27th November. He communicated the contents to the Court of Committees, who, although they cannot give Turnor any time, yet, they desire that according to his promise he will not fail to pay what is due by the award the beginning of next term. (¼ *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, DECEMBER 23, 1672 (AFTERNOON) (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 166).

The draft of a petition for presentation to the King touching the abuses committed by the Master of the *Katherine* about two years ago at the Mohillas, and concerning two other ships now bound for those parts, is read, approved, and referred to the Shipping Committee to present, if they see cause, or else to inform the Lord Treasurer of its contents. Mrs. Flora Cony to be paid 10*l.* on account of her husband's salary. (¾ *p.*)

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CAPTAIN ROBERT ROBINSON AT DEAL TO THE NAVY COMMISSIONERS, DECEMBER 26, 1672 (*Public Record Office: S.P. Dom., Car.* II. 331, no. 145).

'. . . The ten East India ships all ride in Margate Road. . . .

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, DECEMBER 31, 1672 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 167).

Letters written by order of the Committees the 27th instant to Captain Prowd, Captain Basse, and Captain Munden are read and approved. (1¼ *pp.*)

'A LIST OF PAPERS IN THE SECOND BOX', JANUARY 1–MARCH 24, 1673 (*Public Record Office: S.P. Dom., Car.* II. 334, no. 227).

Being twelve East India papers concerning Sir Edward Winter and George Foxcroft, the Agent. *Endorsed*, 1672–3.

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JANUARY 3, 1673 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 168).

Payment to be made to the owners of the *Phoenix* and of the *Satisfaction* on account of freight. Letters to be written to Captains Munden and Goldsbrough. The account of Zachariah Burroughs to be stated. (¾ *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JANUARY 4, 1673 (*Ibid.*, p. 169).

Letters are read from Captain Roger Bennet, commander of the *Advance*, who arrived in the Downs from Bantam on the 3rd instant, from the Agent and Council at Bantam, and from the President and Council at Surat. (½ *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JANUARY 6, 1673 (*Ibid.*, p. 169).

A letter from Captain Basse of the 1st instant is read and order given for an answer to be sent. The Committee for Writing Letters to reply to those received from the President and Council of Surat by the *Advance*, and to prepare a letter to be sent to the Governor and Council of St. Helena. On information that Mr. Prescot can procure a further supply of soldiers if necessary, order is given for from ten to twenty to be enter-

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tained for the Company's service at St. Helena, twenty more for India, and that they be distributed on board the ships in the Downs. (¾ *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JANUARY 8, 1673 (*Ibid.*, p. 170).

Robert Oldsworth admitted to the freedom by service with John Juryn, Senior. Captain Prowd to go aboard the *Advance* as soon as she arrives at Gravesend and report her condition. (½ *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JANUARY 10, 1673 (*Ibid.*, p. 171).

The owners of the *Sampson* to pay for an anchor. Mr. Aboab to be sued unless he pays what is due on his account by the 18th instant. Payment to be made to the owners of the *John and Margaret* on account of freight and demurrage. Thomas Doyley's debt for sannoes to be cleared on his paying 28*l.* Order is given for an abatement of 50*l.* each to be made to Messrs. Billingsley and Sayer of the 200*l.* they were to pay in respectively for clearing Mr. Stevenson's account, and on payment of the remaining 150*l.* each, their bond is to be given up. Mr. Billingsley to be given a warrant for his dividend of twenty per cent. Money detained on account of spices not returned in the *Sampson* and *Massingberd* to be paid to the owners of those ships, it appearing from letters received from Surat that the spices were not sent. A letter from Sir Edward Winter is read, and a report from the Committee for the Coast and Bay; in the latter the Committee find that Sir Edward's answer to the demands of the Company is 'an absolute negation to the whole demand, and noe way satisfactory'; therefore they recommend that the depositions returned from India be opened and read, in order that the Company may be better enabled to prove the charge against Sir Edward and so procure satisfaction 'either by law or equity'. Hereupon certain Committees are desired to acquaint Sir Edward that the Court are dissatisfied with his former answer and his present letter. To this he replies that he hopes the depositions returned from the Fort will 'give him a vindication'. Lord Arlington to be asked to let the Company have the said depositions, to be used as occasion shall require. Mr. Jollife to attend the Attorney-General and receive his opinion touching the death of Mr. Dawes, who was killed at Fort St. George. Certain Committees to consider and report concerning the desires of Captain Langston. The Shipping Committee to entertain 'a nimble vessel' from 60 tons to 150 tons to be employed as an 'adviser' for India. All bonds taken for money due to the Company to be placed in the custody of the Secretary. (2½ *pp.*)

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THE COMPANY TO THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL AT ST. HELENA, JANUARY 10, 1673 (*Letter Book*, vol. v, p. 38).

By the *Advance* they have received a letter from St. Helena dated October 17, signed by William Noakes and others, telling of the Governor, Captain Conie, having been displaced and sent home, and of several other acts of which they cannot approve, 'for, there can be noe Goverment if they that should bee governed should displace the Governor when they please'. They should have sent home word of their grievances for consideration, awaited the Company's answer and orders, and then acted accordingly. Have not yet spoken with Captain Conie or Captain Bennet, but after doing so further consideration shall be given to the matter, meanwhile they are to agree better and obey the Governor, Captain Beale, who it is hoped has arrived safely in the *Humphrey and Elizabeth*, carrying orders and instructions with him, which are to be fully complied with. Mr. Noakes also is to mind what has been written to him. Captain Richard Munden will bring with him some soldiers for the island; these are to be received ashore and given the same salary as those who went there in the *Humphrey and Elizabeth*. (¾ *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JANUARY 13, 1673 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 174).

Letters overland from Surat and Persia are read, also letters from Captain Basse and Mr. Prescot. (½ *p.*)

HUMPHREY EDWIN TO SIR THOMAS CHAMBERS, JANUARY 13, 1673 (*Home Miscellaneous*, vol. xxxvi, p. 41).

Is commanded by the Court of Committees to notify Sir Thomas that he is expected to pay into the Company's cash the 500 pagodas assigned them on John Nicklaes, who, it appears, is in no way indebted to Sir Thomas. (½ *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JANUARY 15, 1673 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 174).

Captain Bennet, commander of the *Advance Frigate*, is called in and examined concerning Captain Cony, Governor of St. Helena. Bennet declares that Cony asked to go on board the *Advance* in order to have some private talk with him, and on arriving and spending some time in conference told Captain Bennet that he would not return to the island but would go with him to England. Hereupon Captain Cony is called in,

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and says he has come to give himself up as a prisoner, according to his parole to Bennet, to answer his debt to the Company, and the charge brought against him of intending to betray the Island to an enemy. Cony is told to withdraw, and Bennet, on further examination, affirms that Cony was not on board as a prisoner, but that upon the *Advance* leaving the Island he offered to set him ashore, but he refused to go. Cony is again called in and told that the Court do not look upon him as a prisoner, but that his accounts will be referred to the Committee for Plantations, who will also examine the actions of the inhabitants of the Island concerning him, and report. Captain Bennet having received from the Chief of the Dutch Factory at Bantam two boxes of letters directed to the several Chambers in Holland and Zeeland, and one to a private merchant, the Deputy is desired to deliver the said two boxes to Lord Arlington and ask for instructions as to the other. Mr. Prescot reports that a sailor belonging to a small hooker of Deal who was employed to attend the *Advance* into the river, and returning in a violent storm was drowned, leaving a wife and several children; the matter is referred to the Shipping Committee. David King to be allowed 10*l.* for piloting the *London* into the Downs, and 40*s.* for five days demurrage. Major Thomson to report the 'whole affair' touching the Company's Almshouse at Poplar, cause the revenue received from it to be registered in a book to be kept for that purpose, also the annual charge, and the names of the several benefactors who have contributed. Upon request, Captain Richard Cony is paid 10*l.* upon account. Henry Griffith is admitted to the freedom of the Company by redemption. (1½ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JANUARY 17, 1673 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 176).

The Deputy states that he delivered the two boxes of Dutch letters to Sir Joseph Williamson and, at Sir Joseph's desire, the letters directed to a private merchant also. A letter from Mr. Henshaw is read, in answer to which he is to be desired to pay Monsieur Burchlien the sixteen rix dollars, which were spent over and above the hundred dollars in going to Bergen, and give him 20*l.* as a gratuity for his pains. Mr. Henshaw is also to be told to accept 50*l.* for himself, and pay the remainder of the 200*l.* in his hands to the order of Charles and James Banks of Hamburg. Mr. Sheldon reports that he has received from Sir Joseph Williamson sealed copies of the depositions from Fort St. George, for which he gave a receipt and now delivers them up; order is given for these copies to be

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kept by the Auditor and opened by the Coast and Bay Committee in the presence of Sir Edward Winter. Mr. Aboab having paid the sum agreed upon by the Committees, he is to be given a discharge in full of his debt. It is left to the discretion of the Governor and Deputy how best to prevent any inconvenience if the *Constantinople Merchant* is employed by the Dutch as a man-of-war. Captain Miller's request about money due for freight of the *John and Martha* is referred to the Shipping Committee, who are also to give directions as to the nature and number of guns proposed to be cast for the new ship being built for Captain Boneel. The account of Roger Brodnax to be reported. Money due to John Spary to be paid to William Pearse, surgeon, who is authorized to receive it. Valentine Raynes, daughter of Abraham Woofe, one of the Company's almsmen who died lately, to be given 5*l.* towards the great expense of his illness. Letters to Captains Munden and Basse written by order of the Committees on the 15th instant are read and approved. (1¾ *pp.*)

PHILIP LANYON AT PLYMOUTH TO JAMES HICKES, JANUARY 19, 1673 (*Public Record Office: S.P. Dom., Car.* II. 332, no. 139).

. . . The East India Fleet are gone along. An East Indiaman[1] is come here, which has lost her head and bowsprit, and must be repaired before she can go out.

HUMPHREY EDWIN TO SIR EDWARD WINTER, JANUARY 20, 1673 (*Home Miscellaneous*, vol. xxxvi, p. 41).

He is commanded to notify Sir Edward that the Committee have received (from Lord Arlington) copies of the depositions taken in India touching his business, and therefore desire him to attend at the East India House next Wednesday afternoon that these may be opened in his presence. (½ *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JANUARY 22, 1673 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 178).

Mrs. Culmer to be paid 40*l.* on a bill of exchange drawn by Baxter, purser of the *London*. Captain Stainsby, commander of the *Happy Return*, to be presented with a gratuity of 10*l.* for service done the Company. Abraham Fothergil is admitted to the freedom by redemption. Mr. Hussey to be given 25*l.* to distribute to the Customhouse officers at Gravesend. The abatement desired on damaged goods by Mortimer and

[1] The *Massingberd*.

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Partner, wharfingers of 'Wiggins his key',[1] is referred to the Committee for the Husband's Warehouse. Captain Langston to be given a gratuity of thirty guineas for convoying several ships from Plymouth to Portsmouth. The *Massingberd* having lost her boltsprit and put into Plymouth, order is given for Tillard to be written to and told to take effectual care that she is speedily refitted and dispatched, and the Governor is desired to beg His Royal Highness that a convoy may be appointed to go 100 leagues beyond Land's End with her. Gilbert Taylor to be paid for billets and coal. The Governor and Deputy to expend two thousand guineas in gratuities to those who have 'countenanced and given furtherance to the Company's affairs'. (1 *p.*)

HUMPHREY EDWIN TO SIR EDWARD WINTER, JANUARY 23, 1673 (*Home Miscellaneous*, vol. xxxvi, p. 41).

He has been directed by the Committee to send Sir Edward the result of yesterday's meeting about his business, and now encloses the same. (½ *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JANUARY 24, 1673 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 179).

The Governor reports that His Royal Highness has promised to send orders at once to the Downs for the *Constant Warwick* to sail to Plymouth and convoy the *Massingberd* 150 leagues beyond Land's End. A letter written yesterday to Tillard is read and approved. Mr. Sheldon to request Lord Arlington's permission for copies to be taken of the depositions from Fort St. George before the Company return them. The Shipping Committee to direct warrants to be issued to the owners of the ships lately bound to India in payment for passengers carried out, two persons to be allowed free on each ship. Certain Committees to make agreement with the owners of the outward vaults of the Exchange for their use by the Company. Mr. Aston to notify those shipowners who have not paid the month's wages due to mariners abroad, to do so by Thursday, or he will pay it to the several wives and put it to the ship's account. The petition of George Mussel is referred to Messrs. Moyer and Davison. A bill of exchange drawn by Agent Dacres and payable to Captain Roger Bennet is accepted, but as the said bill is signed only by the Agent, directions are to be given in the next general letter to Bantam for all bills and advices sent home to be signed by both

[1] See note on p. 267 of the previous volume (1668–70).

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Agent and Council. The Company's seal to be affixed to their answer to the bill of complaint in Chancery of Daniel Skinner. (2¼ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JANUARY 29, 1673 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 181).

The Committee for the Coast and Bay and the Committee for Lawsuits to hasten with the business concerning Sir Edward Winter and Lieutenant Chuseman, meet this afternoon and give Moses what directions they judge fit. Mr. Sheldon to apply to Lord Arlington for copies of the depositions taken at the Fort. The petition and remonstrance of Lieutenant Francis Chuseman are read, and the Governor is desired to inform him that, with respect to the criminal part of the said petition and remonstrance, by the return of the commission it lies before the King and Council, and those concerned will act; that his account with the Company is referred to a Committee, and the Court do not justify Mr. Crandon or any of their servants if they have behaved unjustly, therefore Chuseman may proceed against Crandon if he sees fit. The Committee for the Coast and Bay to consider and report on Lieutenant Chuseman's account. At the request of Captain Richard Cony, a chest belonging to him brought home in the *Advance* and consigned to the Company is to be opened by the Husband in Cony's presence, and a report of its contents made to the Company. The petition of Thomas Palmer is referred to Captain Prowd. Order is given that in future all transfers made of adventures in the General Joint Stock of the Company are to be signed by the Accountant in the presence of one or more of his clerks, who are to witness and subscribe the same, that the Court may be satisfied that those assigning have the adventures, and that their accounts stand clear in the Company's books; the acceptance is also to be witnessed. The Committee for Bantam and the South Seas to read the charge drawn up against Mr. Mainstone and cause a copy of it to be delivered to him. (2 *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JANUARY 31, 1673 (*Ibid.*, p. 183).

William Dashwood is admitted to the freedom by redemption. Lieutenant Chuseman to be given a copy of the Company's answer to his petition. The relations of the seamen in the *Berkeley Castle* to be paid their month's wages, the same to be put to the owner's account. The report of the Committee on the petition of George Mussel is approved; by it Mussel is to be allowed 20*l.* for the small bale of goods

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returned in the *Antelope* and lost in the lighter. A report is read from certain Committees, who opine that some person should be chosen 'to visit and solicite the Company's debtors abroad', and follow the directions of the Committee for Debts and Lawsuits, one who is 'a sober man, a good penman, and understands accounts'. The Court approve and declare that the salary to be given to such an official is not to exceed 30*l.* per annum; and Messrs. Huson, Rowse, Lake, and Reynolds applying for the post, the Committee for Lawsuits are desired to ascertain their respective qualifications and report. Harbert stating that one Mr. Andrews wishes for a copy of the Company's account with the late Farmers of the Customs, he is told to reply that if the Farmers signify their desire for this in writing to the Company, the Court will consider about it. (1¾ *pp.*)

An Account of Goods proportioned for India upon the ten ships to be dispatched there in 1672 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvA, p. 105).

Giving the amount of lead, guns, iron, broadcloth, stuffs, and kentledge laden in the *Antelope, Unity, Ann, Bombay, Sampson, East India Merchant, Massingberd, President, Caesar,* and *London. Appended is a note stating that the said ships set sail from the Downs* 15 *January*, 1673. *That the Massingberd receiving some damage put into Plymouth to refit, but left* 29 *January, with the Constant Warwick as her convoy.* (6¼ *pp.*)

A Court of Committees, February 5, 1673 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 185).

William Little is admitted to the freedom by redemption. The account of Thomas Harrington to be stated. Thomas Lucas, owner of the *Advance Frigate*, to be paid for freight and demurrage. The smith's bill to be examined. The Shipping Committee to consider the demands of the surgeon of the *Bombay*, and of other surgeons employed in the Company's ships for head-money for the ship's company to which they are appointed, and pay what is found to be due. The petition of Robert Gwillym is referred to the Committee for Private Trade. The owners of the *Antelope* refusing to pay the sum agreed upon for the bale of goods lost from that ship belonging to George Mussel, the matter is referred to certain Committees to settle. The Court taking into consideration the loss and damage the Company have sustained by Sir Edward Winter seizing and detaining their estate at Fort St. George, and the long interruption thus caused to their trade on the Coromandel

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Coast, and judging it necessary to use all lawful means to obtain satisfaction from him, the Governor and Deputy are desired to wait on His Majesty, or on Lord Arlington, and represent the difference between the Company and Sir Edward, and the hopes of the Company that the Commission sent over would have accorded them some satisfaction, but that being disappointed in this, they are resolved to seek some remedy at law. The request for the bonds and covenants of Henry Bromfield to be delivered up is referred for consideration. Payment to be made to Mr. Haslewood. A report touching the wages of Lieutenant Chuseman is read and referred for amendment. Some black and white pepper from Bantam returned in the *Advance* to be delivered to her owners, it being found much damaged. Moses to be paid 100*l.* for disbursements for lawsuits. A representation touching the death of William Dawes, who was killed at the Fort, is approved, and the Governor and Deputy are desired to present it to the King. The account of Edward Newcomb to be reported. (1¾ *pp.*)

THE COMPANY'S PETITION TO THE KING TOUCHING THE DEATH OF WILLIAM DAWES [FEBRUARY, 1673] (*Public Record Office: C.O.* 77, vol. xii, f. 215).

Considering how much His Majesty is concerned in the loss of any of his subjects, and well knowing that nothing is more pleasing unto him than that peace and quietness should be maintained amongst them, as well abroad as at home, which cannot be if they destroy one another abroad, and are not questioned for it when they come home, the Company think it their bounden duty to represent unto His Majesty the manner of the death of William Dawes,[1] which was as followeth: In the year 1665, Francis Chuseman, now in England but then a lieutenant in the Company's service at Fort St. George under their Agent George Foxcroft, stirred up the soldiers of that garrison to a mutinous insurrection against the said Agent and government. In this mutiny the said Agent and others, who aided him to maintain the government against the mutineers, were hurt and wounded, and the said William Dawes was shot. Lieutenant Chuseman, who should have kept the soldiers in order, was the chief actor, and led on the mutineers with his sword drawn, and brandishing it over his head commanded them to fire, and they fired accordingly, discharging several muskets and pistols, at which time Dawes received a shot in

[1] September 16, 1665.

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the belly, of which he died within a few hours afterwards. Chuseman discharged his pistols at the Agent, closed with him and threw him down. All which will be proved, with much more, by persons now in England. The Company submit to the great wisdom of His Majesty how far and in what manner the murder of the said Dawes shall be examined into and the chief author thereof proceeded against. (¾ *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, FEBRUARY 7, 1673 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 187).

Mr. Fenn to be paid interest on the 500*l.* due to him, but the principal to remain as security for Mr. Paige's engagement to the Company. Henry Rowse is elected as messenger to summon in debtors, at a yearly salary of 30*l.*; he is also to attend the Committee for Lawsuits upon all occasions. Captain Chamblet's request for remission of fine on certain piece-goods is referred to two of the Committees to decide what is fit to be done. The account of Hugh Levellis to be reported. On petition, William Hinton, a carpenter in the *London*, who was injured and disabled in her, is granted an allowance of 5*s.* weekly until next midsummer. The bond given by the father of Henry Bromfield to be delivered up. (1¼ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, FEBRUARY 12, 1673 (*Ibid.*, p. 188).

The Shipping Committee to state the account of Mr. Cullen of Dover, and their opinion as to what should be given to him for his pains in the Company's business. Robert Hough, late steward in the *London*, having arrested the Husband and his assistant for goods in the Company's warehouse which he claims, and also given out his intention to sue Mr. Davison for wages due for service in the *London*, the matter is referred to the Committee for Private Trade, who are to consult Moses and report. The Governor reports that he has told Sir Joseph Williamson of the intention of the Company to proceed against Sir Edward Winter for recovery of their estate, and desired him to inform Lord Arlington; the Court, being unwilling to lose time in beginning their suit (which Sir Joseph thinks is reasonable) order Moses to wait upon the Attorney-General[1] with the Company's case drawn up by the Committees, and take his opinion, also the advice of Sir William Jones how best to prosecute their suit. The owners of the *Unicorn* to be paid in full for freight and demurrage; also the owners of the

[1] Sir Francis North.

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John and Martha for the same in her last voyage to Bantam. There being some red earth in the Company's warehouse belonging to Brewster, chief mate in the *London*, whose wife begs that it may be delivered to her free of freight, the Committee for Private Trade are desired to ascertain the facts and act as they see fit. Payment to be made to the owners of the *John and Martha* for freight due with interest on the same at the rate of five per cent from June 15, 1671, for her voyage to the Coast and Bay. (1½ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, FEBRUARY 14, 1673 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 190).

The Auditor to give Mr. Hampton a copy of the Company's demands on Thomas Harrington. Sir James Oxinden asks for the salary due to the late Sir George Oxinden, his uncle, and is told that a copy of the Company's demands on Sir George was sent some months ago to Sir Henry Oxinden, to which no answer has been received; Sir James declares his readiness to answer, and is desired to meet the Committee for Accounts and confer with them and they will report to the Court. Thomas Turnor is allowed an extension of time for payment of his debt to the Company, which is to be done by instalments, the last to be paid on June 14 next. Payment to be made to Hugh Levellis. Mr. Walker's bill to be examined. A letter from Sir Robert Southwell is read, with one enclosed written to him by the Portuguese Ambassador desiring the Company's orders to the President at Surat for re-establishing the Portuguese Jesuits in their estates at Bombay; hereupon order is given for the Surat Committee to read the orders already passed on this subject, also what has been written by the Company's factors at Goa, and report what answer they think should be sent to Sir Robert. A letter from Lord Lee and other trustees of the late Duchess Dudley is read, and the Secretary directed to ascertain from Mr. Cooke what has happened in Chancery touching the bequest of the said Duchess for redemption of captives. A report touching discounts is read and referred for the Committees to consider the expedients offered by Mr. Houblon. On a motion to pay Hough, late steward in the *London*, his wages and deliver his goods if he pays the fine, the matter is referred to Mr. Paige. (1½ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, FEBRUARY 19, 1673 (*Ibid.*, p. 191).

Upon a representation made on February 17, 1671, by Mr. Worth,

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one of the trustees of the late Duchess Dudley, desiring the Company to receive and dispose of 100*l.* annually, devised by the said Duchess for the redemption of captives, according to a clause in her will, which the Court consented to do on condition that a clear settlement should be made for receiving the rents without trouble, and full directions given for distribution of the same, and by appointment of the trustees 90*l.* was paid into the Company's cash on account of the said legacy; but as a decree was lately made in Chancery for settling the said trust, and no order given for the Company to receive or distribute the rents for the redemption of captives, the Court refuse to be concerned any further in the matter, and direct that the 90*l.* be paid back to Lord Lee, by whose direction it was sent, and that Moses draw up an acquittance as a sufficient discharge for the Company. Payment to be made to Mr. Lucas on account of freight and demurrage of the *Advance*. The account of Lawrence Chambers to be reported. Michael Bland, a ship's carpenter, who was injured when refitting the *London*, is given 40*s*. The Company's case against Sir Edward Winter is read and referred to the Committee for Lawsuits to perfect and present to the Court next Friday. Mr. Haslewood's desire for the delivery of his bond, given for his son's faithful discharge of his trust, is referred to certain Committees. The Committee for the Pepper Warehouse to consider how Mr. Aston may be eased of the great trouble of paying the wages of mariners belonging to the freighted ships, and so be better enabled to post and balance his books each year. A poor-box to be provided and kept by Edwyn, that all who are granted remission of fines may give something to it. (1½ *pp.*) [1]

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, FEBRUARY 21, 1673 (*Ibid.*, p. 193).

The account of Mr. Lannoy to be reported. Captain Goffe's request for the obligation he gave Shem Bridges in the Bay to be delivered to him, is referred to certain Committees. Mr. Wilson's chest to be delivered free of freight. Captain Privet's account to be reported. Payment to be made to William Walker. Mr. Haslewood's bond for his son to be delivered to him. Mr. Cullen of Dover to be given a gratuity of 12*l.* for his care and pains in the Company's service. A report from the Committee for Accounts is returned to be perfected. Allowance on damaged goods not exceeding 40*s*. to be paid in future by Samuel Sambrook from petty cash, and an account kept in a separate book,

[1] A warrant was signed for 2,155*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.* 'to be made paid in cash'.

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to be examined monthly and added to his other disbursements. A letter to be written to Monsieur Cronstrom at Stockholm in answer to his proposals for providing copper. (1½ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, FEBRUARY 26, 1673 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 194).

Some money due to Edward Newcomb to be paid to those legally authorized to receive it. A letter is read from Abel Paine, a factor at Bantam, giving an account of a voyage he and Mr. Ward made to the Eastward Islands, of which nothing has been heard from any other; hereupon a motion is made for Paine's salary to be increased from 20*l.* to 30*l.* per annum and for a gratuity of 20*l.* to be given to him for his encouragement, but the matter is referred for consideration until information can be obtained from the commanders of vessels arriving from Bantam of the ability and deserts of Paine. Mr. Mainston to be told of the insufficiency of his answer to the Company's demands. Payment of 389 dollars at 6*s.* the dollar to be made to Consul Lannoy by warrant to his assignee John Jollife. No more money upon loan to be accepted by the Treasury Committee until further order. Sir Robert Southwell to be shown copies of the letters and directions touching the Jesuits' claims at Bombay, and be desired to answer the Portuguese Ambassador accordingly, and request that the Company may have right touching injuries done them by the Governor of Goa in obstructing the passage between Bombay and the Main. (1 *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, FEBRUARY 28, 1673 (*Ibid.*, p. 196).

A report from the Committee for Accounts touching the 6½ per cent to be allowed for prompt payment at the next sale is read and approved; in the said report a scale of percentage is arranged according to the promptness of payment, but after a delay of six months the buyer who has not paid for and taken away his goods is to be charged interest on what he owes at the rate of 6 per cent, unless the Company shall think fit to resell the goods and recover the penalty according to contract. The demand of Mr. Baker for prompt payment for a parcel of shell-lac he bought is referred for consideration. Resolved that a general Court of Sales be held on April 22 next. All warehousekeepers to give in to the next Court an account of goods remaining in their custody unsold, and of those sold but not taken away. The Auditor to ascertain whether the saltpetre brought home in the *Satisfaction* is from the Coast or Bay,

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also whether the white pepper that was to have been sent in the *Unity* by Agent Dacres has arrived, and how it has been disposed of. (*2 pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, MARCH 5, 1673 (*Ibid.*, p. 198).

Captain Richard Cony to be paid 10*l.* and his account reported. James Ward and John Pym admitted to the freedom by redemption. About 5,000 bags of pepper to be offered for sale, also 100 bags of white pepper returned in the *Satisfaction.* An account of goods sold and not taken away by the allotted time is read, and referred to the Committee for Lawsuits and Debts to ascertain what money has been paid on them, and report what they think fit to be done. The Auditor to inform Mr. Mainston that the Court are not satisfied with his answer to the Company's demands, and that unless he complies with them he will be prosecuted. (1¼ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, MARCH 7, 1673 (*Ibid.*, p. 199).

Payment to be made to the owners of the *Anne* in full of her freight; also to the owners of the *Satisfaction* and of the *John and Margaret* in full of freight and demurrage. Mr. Pearle promises to answer the Company's demands next Friday. Calicoes and other goods in Sambrooke's warehouse to be priced for sale, and as many of the Committees as can are desired to meet and price each sort of goods and report. Mr. Blake's business is referred to the Committee for Lawsuits. Thomas Winter requests that the difference between his brother, Sir Edward Winter, and the Company may be amicably composed, and that some of the Committees may hear what Sir Edward has to offer; hereupon the Committee for the Coast and Bay are desired to meet Sir Edward and his brother and report what takes place. (1 *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, MARCH 14, 1673 (*Ibid.*, p. 200).

Daniel Skinner produces a decree made in the High Court of Chancery by which 1,622*l.* 15*s.* 6*d.* is awarded to be paid to him by the Company, and certain Committees are desired to consider what agreement was made by this Court with the Trustees of the United Joint Stock touching the debt claimed by the late Frederick Skinner, how far the present Stock is concerned in the same; and Skinner is told that he shall receive an answer from the Court on Friday. Mr. James states that 2,000*l.* has lately been paid into the Company's cash upon loan and two bills taken for it in the names of himself, Sir Anthony Aucher, and Dr. Parr,

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but these bills are out of their hands at present, therefore they ask that no part of the principal or interest may be paid to any but themselves; order is given accordingly. Certain Committees to meet Mr. Pearle and bring the business between him and the Company to an issue. The Shipping Committee to provide a fit vessel to be sent to India. A report touching goods to be resold at the next sale is read and approved. John Baker to be paid for the shell-lac he bought from the Company and sold to David Griel. The Husband's porters to be paid 3*l.* for one copper plate shipped in the *Coast Frigate* and received at Fort St. George. At the request of Mainston, his difference with the Company is referred to arbitration, to be determined by May 1 next, bonds of 2,000*l.* penalty to be entered into by both parties, and order is given for the China ware belonging to Mainston to be delivered to him. Mr. Wright to be summoned to attend the Court next Wednesday. The allegations of Mr. Cutler to be examined, and if it is found that he offered last Saturday to pay for some goods he bought of the Company, then he is to be allowed interest at the rate of two per cent. Daniel Sheldon to be given 10*l.* to pay for a copy of the depositions returned from the Fort concerning Sir Edward Winter. Moses is directed to begin a suit at once against Sir Edward Winter for non-compliance with the demands of the Company, and to follow the directions of the Committee for Lawsuits in the matter. The Court order that in future warrants are not to be made out in the name of any person deceased for principal lent by them or for interest due on the same, but in the names of their executors or administrators. (2 *pp.*)

HUMPHREY EDWIN TO RICHARD OWEN, MARCH 18, 1673 (*Home Miscellaneous*, vol. xxxvi, p. 43).

Desires him to come to town as soon as he conveniently can, not later than the middle of next week, as the Company wish to have his testimony in the business of Sir Edward Winter. Requests him to reply by return of post. *Directed to 'Mr. Richard Owen at Mr. Spells, a shoemaker, over against the Starr in Coventrey'.* (½ *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, MARCH 19, 1673 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 203).

The gratuity of thirty guineas awarded Captain Langston by the Court on January 22 last is not to be presented until further order. Moses to consult with the Auditor before answer is given in any suit between the Company and others; and the Committee for Lawsuits to be

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notified before any trial, that they may attend if there is cause; the said Committee are also desired to consider if the Company have any fresh exception to offer to the decree touching Daniel Skinner. Damaged pepper returned in the *Expectation* to be delivered to her owners. Robert Hough, steward in the *London*, to be paid the wages due to him, and his goods to be delivered, he paying freight and fine; and the Committee for Lawsuits are desired to consider what is best to be done to compel Hough to tell what private trade was landed from the *London* at Plymouth or elsewhere. The owners of the *Expectation* to be paid for freight and demurrage. (1½ *pp.*) [1]

MEETING OF A SPECIAL COMMITTEE, MARCH 20, 1673 (*Court Book*, vol. XXVA, p. 111).

By order of the Court the Committee this day met Daniel Skinner, touching the Chancery decree he has against the Company, and told him of the mistake in the valuation of the goods mentioned in the Company's answer and consequently in the decree. Mr. Skinner, after consideration, declared his readiness to accept 1,500*l.* in full of all demands as administrator of Francis (*sic*) Skinner, and to give the Company a general release. To this the Committee agreed and promised that upon Skinner signing the said release the money should be paid. Messrs. Page and Canham to settle about the 30*l.* due to Captain Lord with the owners of the *John and Margaret*. (½ *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, MARCH 21, 1673 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 204).

From a report now read upon the account and award made between the Company and the trustees of the United Joint Stock, it appears that the said Stock is cleared and freed from the demands of Frederick and Thomas Skinner, and the Court desire certain Committees to treat with Daniel Skinner about his demands; this they do, and report that he is willing to accept 1,500*l.* in full of the money decreed to him; hereupon order is given for this sum to be paid him upon his sealing such a discharge as the Committee for the Treasury shall approve. At the request of Messrs. Sone and Woder, executors of the late Lawrence Chambers, the difference concerning his account is referred to arbitrators, who are now named and desired to determine the matter before April 1 next. A claim for 30*l.* made by the owners of the *John and Margaret* to be examined, and if found just, a warrant for that amount is to be made out

[1] Among the warrants is one for 15*l.* 'to be made paid in Cash'.

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to them. The owners of the *Phoenix* to be paid for freight and demurrage; and the widow of the boatswain of that ship to be given 15*l.* 14*s.*, her husband having been killed in an engagement the *Phoenix* had with a Dutch caper. (1¼ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, MARCH 26, 1673 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 205).

The decree under seal of the High Court of Chancery with Daniel Skinner's receipt for 1,500*l.*, now given in, to be kept in the Treasury. William Kiffen is admitted to the freedom by redemption. At the request of Captain Richard Cony, the differences depending between the Company and himself are referred to arbitration, to be settled by May 1 next. Permission is granted Sir Francis Clarke to sell (when the Company's sale is over) some China stuffs in his own name at the Company's candle. On information that there is a cellar belonging to Mrs. Knowles under part of the warehouse in Leadenhall which is used for the sale of drink and may prove dangerous to the Company's concerns, the Committee for Sambrooke's Warehouse and Sir John Robinson are desired to inspect it, and, if they see cause, to apply for redress to the Court of Aldermen. Messrs. Sheldon and Hopegood to read what has passed between the Company and the trustees of the late Duchess Dudley, and report how far the Company are concerned in the said Trust, and how they can be discharged of the 90*l.* paid them on that account. The petition of the owners of the *Phoenix* is referred to the Committee for Private Trade, who are to report concerning the clause relating to kentledge, read the letters from Surat on the subject, and give their opinion as to what is fit to be done. (1 *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, MARCH 26, 1673 (AFTERNOON) (*Ibid.*, p. 206).

The Court, on consideration of their address to the King last October, the articles presented with it for regulation of their trade in the Indies with the Dutch, and of what is now fit to be represented, entreat the Governor, the Deputy, and Major Thomson to apply to Lord Arlington or Sir Joseph Williamson for directions as to what should be offered to the King, and report their proceedings to-morrow afternoon. The request of Mr. Lucas for the account of the *Advance Frigate* to be made up, is referred to the Committee for Private Trade, who are to confer with Lucas and settle the business as soon as possible. (1½ *pp.*)

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A COURT OF COMMITTEES, MARCH 27, 1673 (AFTERNOON) (*Ibid.*, vol. xxviii, p. 208).

The Court consider the articles formerly drawn up touching their demands from the Dutch, and the freer and more peaceable carrying on in future of the trade in the Indies, and after full debate, resolve on ten heads of proposals necessary to offer to the King on behalf of the Company. The Committee for Writing Letters are desired to meet to-morrow afternoon to perfect the said proposals and draw up a petition for presentation with them; these the Governor and Deputy are requested to take to Lord Arlington, also to communicate them to Sir Joseph Williamson and Sir Lionel Jenkins and inform them fully concerning the whole matter. (¾ *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, APRIL 2, 1673 (*Ibid.*, p. 208).

The petitions of William Bowtel and John Richardson are read, and it is resolved to employ Bowtel to print what is wanted by the Company, he undertaking to do it as well and as cheaply as any other, his bills for this work to be adjusted from time to time by the Committees for the respective warehouses. The Governor states that he and the Deputy communicated the Company's petition and articles to Sir Joseph Williamson and Sir Lionel Jenkins, who advised that they should be signed and presented to the King this afternoon; hereupon the Governor is desired to sign the petition and wait on His Majesty with the Deputy Governor, and present them accordingly. On a motion as to whether at this juncture of affairs it would be expedient to represent to the King the great damages the Company sustained from the Dutch before the Treaty of Breda, two lists of which were then delivered, but no satisfaction obtained, whereby the Company have been greatly damnified and wholly excluded from the spice trade; the matter is referred to certain Committees, who are to draw up a representation of what they judge necessary to be offered on the Company's behalf, and report next Friday. (1 *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, APRIL 4, 1673 (*Ibid.*, p. 209).

Mrs. Mohun to be given 50*l.*, on account of her husband's salary, to supply her present needs. The petition of Captain Lord is referred for consideration. The Committee for Lawsuits to ascertain from Moses what has been done in the cause depending in Chancery against Mr.

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Blake, and give what directions they think fit. Captain Wildy, commander of the *Phoenix*, to be given a gratuity of 20*l.*, and the officers and men in that ship who were on board during the engagement with the Dutch caper in her homeward voyage a month's wages for their care and courage. Mr. Pearle's dividend in May next not to be paid until further order. A humble address to the King concerning the damages sustained by the Company before the last treaty with the Dutch, is read and referred to next Wednesday for further consideration. The Governor reports that he and the Deputy presented the Company's petition and proposals to the Lords Committees for Foreign Affairs; he also tells the Court of Their Lordships' propositions concerning the spice trade, to which they expect an answer. Hereupon the Court decide that the tenor of the debate just had shall be returned, either in writing or verbally, as the Governor shall deem fit, and the latter is desired to attend Their Lordships this afternoon accompanied by the Deputy and Mr. Houblon. (1 *p.*)

PROPOSALS MADE BY SIR RICHARD INNES CONCERNING THE SPICE TRADE, APRIL 5, 1673 (*Public Record Office: C.O. 77*, vol. xii, f. 226).

It is humbly conceived that His Majesty in his intended treaty with the Netherlands may with honour and justice insist upon having in future at least half the trade in nutmegs, mace, cloves, and cinnamon, of which the Netherlands East India Company are now the sole masters. For, they not only at first put the English by fraud and force out of the trade of nutmegs and mace at Pulo Run, and of cloves at Amboyna, but have since repeated the most unjust and forcible possession of it, contrary to the articles made with King James in 1619, by which the English were to have had one-third of those spices; but have also detained the Island of Pulo Run, contrary to the articles made with His present Majesty. And since that, they have, by force, obliged the King of Macassar to exclude the English by name from the trade of cloves,[1] and having expulsed the Portuguese from Ceylon have kept us likewise from the cinnamon trade; and being thus sole masters of those commodities they have made the English and the whole world pay three or four times the price paid for them formerly. For, when the Portuguese had cinnamon, we could buy it in Portugal, bring it from thence and afford to sell it at 2*s.* 6*d.* per lb., which now costs us 7*s.* or 8*s.* the lb. Nutmegs and mace, when our Company had Pulo Run, they sold here,

[1] See previous volume, p. ix.

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nutmegs at 1*s.* 6*d.* per lb. and mace at 3*s.* per lb., which the Hollanders have brought to 12*s.*, and at those prices, by the experience of many years, they may still be kept as long as they are under the joint regulation of those concerned in them. If His Majesty can obtain half the spices, he may gain a clear three hundred thousand pounds per annum, as will appear by a demonstrative account hereunto annexed.[1] If the King can bring the Dutch to such an agreement it will be necessary that the military command of all places where nutmegs, mace, cloves, and cinnamon grow be put into His Majesty's hands, and that good caution be taken at home for performance of this. Secondly, when those spices shall be shipped from the places of their growth for Europe, Persia, or any other region of the world, it shall be for the joint account in halves of both nations, the said spices to be laden in English ships, and sold at such rates as His Majesty shall agree to. It is likewise humbly conceived that the Dutch East India Company will make no great difficulty in parting with one-half of the benefit of the fine spices to His Majesty, on condition that he will join with them in the government of the price of pepper, for that commodity being dispersed into several hands hath not, either to them or to us, yielded 12*d.* per lb. one year with another, and, if all the exporters of it from the Indies into Europe did agree, it has been found by experience that as much would be consumed at 3*s.* per lb. as at 1*s.* The quantity of pepper imported into Europe *communibus annis*, by the English and Netherlands Companies, is at least five thousand tons per annum, which if it be sold at 3*s.* per lb. will produce annually eleven hundred and twenty thousand pounds sterling more than formerly, and less than one-third of that profit will make the Hollanders full compensation for what they part withal of the fine spices to His Majesty. But because the French king has made some small beginnings in that trade, and the Crown of Portugal is not quite excluded from it, it may be considered how they may be provided for and included in the agreement by allotting them some share in the pepper, in proportion to the present condition of their concern in the trade, without admitting them into any concern of the finer spices, to which the French king had never any pretence, nor the Portuguese to any other than that of cinnamon, the latter having lost that to the Hollander by right of conquest, and being no party in the present treaty they cannot accuse our king of unkindness if they be not restored to any interest therein. Nor shall His Majesty, by such a contract for the

[1] Not annexed.

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advantage of the Portuguese Crown, do any prejudice to his own East India Company. For, first they are at present utterly excluded from any part of the trade of the fine spices, and His Majesty may, if he thinks fit, oblige them very much by letting them have what he shall obtain for a reasonable annual rent. Secondly, if His Majesty engages to take all the pepper they shall bring by his directions at 12*d.* per lb. certain, he doth thereby assure them of far better prices than they have made, *communibus annis*, for the time past, or can reasonably hope for in the time to come if the proposed regulation for a trade shall not take effect. (2½ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, APRIL 9, 1673 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 210).

Payment of 1,000*l.* to be made to Thomas Lucas, owner of the *Advance*, in part of that ship's freight. Messrs. Sone and Woder, executors of Lawrence Chambers, to be paid 737*l.* 19*s.* 11*d.* in pursuance of an award now read. Captain Samuel Chamblet to be paid 35*l.* Samuel Sambrooke, Senior, to see that the repair of the brickwork at one end of the cellar under Leadenhall is well done. Mr. Nanfan, owner of the *Lancaster*, presents Captain Robert Martin as commander of that ship, instead of Captain Haddock, formerly named, and the Court approve. The owners of the *Phoenix* to be paid for broken guns carried out and brought back in that ship for kentledge. The Shipping Committee stating that they have contracted for the *Canary Bird*, a ship of 120 tons, for 700*l.*, order is given for Captain Prowd to receive her with all the fittings according to inventory, and see that she is prepared for a voyage to India; the Committee are also desired to make choice of a suitable person to command her. Resolved that she shall be called the *Advice*. At the request of Captain Bonneel and the other owners of the new ship being built at Blackwall, Captain Prowd is told to survey her from time to time. The Governor reports that he with the Deputy and Mr. Houblon waited on the Lords Committees for Foreign Affairs on Saturday with the Company's answer to Their Lordships' proposition about the Spice trade; he also acquaints the Court with what passed concerning the proposals of the Company relating to the Dutch, and, it being highly important for the good of the Company that the article for reciprocal restitution should be obtained, the Governor and Deputy are desired to use their best endeavours to effect this, and all the Committees present are

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enjoined to secrecy in the matter. The Committee for Writing Letters to prepare reasons in justification of each of the Company's proposals for use by the Ambassadors as occasion shall arise. Payment to be made to the assignee of Captain Robert Lord. A letter from Mr. Page is referred to the Committee for Lawsuits. The account of Joseph Sawyer to be examined. Mrs. Jane Privet, or her representative, to be allowed to see the book of the purser in the *London*, to enable her to state her husband's account. Mr. Dixwel Hungerford and Mr. Penington to be sued for their debt to the Company. The owners of the *Olive Branch* to be paid in full for her freight. The request of the executors of Lawrence Chambers, that the latter should be allowed the salary of Agent for the time he officiated as such, is referred; also the petition of Rebecca Stevens. Captain Prowd to be given a gratuity of 20*l.* for good service, the same to be spent on two pieces of plate on which the arms of the Company are to be engraved. Humphrey Edwyn, the Auditor, is given a gratuity of 100*l.* for his industry and faithfulness. (2¼ *pp.*)

ORDER OF COUNCIL APRIL 9, 1673 (*Public Record Office: Privy Council Register*, vol. lxiii, p. 410).

Upon the humble address of Sir Edward Winter presented this day, setting forth that, in accordance with an order of the Board of November 24, 1669, there was to be mutual restitution of goods seized upon on either side during the late differences at Fort St. George between the petitioner and Mr. George Foxcroft by Commissioners empowered under the Great Seal to that effect, and an account thereof returned to the Board, yet the said Commissioners would not in the least concern themselves in the matter, and Sir Edward coming to England in obedience to the said order (though much to the damage of his affairs in India) the East India Company seized upon all his estate they could light on either at home or abroad to a very considerable value, and instead of giving satisfaction for his fruitless attendance on them ever since his arrival in England, they have charged him with an action of 20,000*l.* on purpose to oppress him with the difficulty of procuring bail against so potent an adversary. Therefore Sir Edward prays that Mr. Foxcroft and his abettors may be summoned to answer what shall be laid against them. Hereupon it is ordered by His Majesty in Council that this business be taken into consideration on Wednesday, April 23, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, of which the petitioner is to give timely notice to the Governor,

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or some members of the Company, and to the said George Foxcroft, that they may give their attendance at the time and place aforesaid.

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, APRIL 10, 1673 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 213).

Upon an application made by Thomas Winter on behalf of his brother, Sir Edward Winter, the Court consent to an appearance being accepted to the Company's action against the latter, and direct Moses to inform the Attorney accordingly. William Gaich is chosen commander of the *Advice* at a salary of *7l.* a month, and order is given for that ship to be delivered into his charge with all her stores. On a report from Moses touching Mr. Blake's breach of covenants by trading in prohibited goods, the Court desire two Committees to obtain the opinion of some learned counsel and give directions to Moses in accordance with the same. The sum of 33*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* to be paid to John Woder and Francis Sone, executors of the late Lawrence Chambers. The case of Messrs. Paige and Cook is referred to the Committee for Lawsuits. *Here follows a list of the Governors, Deputies, and Committees elected in April*, 1672, *with the number of their attendances at the* 117 *Courts, up to April* 15, 1673, viz.: Sir John Banks, Governor, 109. Nathaniel Herne, Deputy, 115. Committees: Lord George Berkeley, 76. Benjamin Albyn, 94. Sir Samuel Barnardiston, 74. Christopher Boone, 115. John Bathurst, 76. Sir Francis Clarke, 101. Thomas Canham, 114. Michael Davison, 114. Sir James Edwards, 96. James Houblon, 104. Edward Hopegood, 112. John Jollife, 116. Samuel Moyer, 116. John Morden, 106. John Paige, 109. Sir John Robinson, 66. Sir Andrew Riccard, 41. Daniel Sheldon, 90. Sir William Thomson, 73. Maurice Thomson, 61. Robert Thomson, 99. Charles Thorold, 100. Rowland Wynn, 106. Christopher Willoughby, 54. (1½ *pp.*)

A GENERAL COURT, APRIL 14, 1673 (*Ibid.*, p. 215).

The Governor acquaints the generality with the occasion of their meeting, according to their printed papers, and that, a scrutiny of the votes having been taken, Sir John Banks has been re-elected Governor, and Nathaniel Herne Deputy for the ensuing year. (½ *p.*)

A GENERAL COURT, APRIL 18, 1673 (*Ibid.*, p. 216).

The Governor causes the names of the twenty-four Committees

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elected for the ensuing year to be read, viz.: Lord George Berkeley, Matthew Andrews, Sir Samuel Barnardiston, Christopher Boone, John Bathurst, Captain John Brookhaven, Thomas Canham, Michael Davison, John Goodier, John Hobby, James Houblon, John Jollife, Sir Kingsmill Lucy, John Lethulier, Sir John Moore, Samuel Moyer, John Paige, Sir John Robinson, Edward Rudge, Daniel Sheldon, Sir William Thomson, Maurice Thomson, Robert Thomson, and Rowland Wynn. (¾ *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, APRIL 21, 1673 (*Ibid.*, p. 217).

A letter from Robert Smith, garbler, is read and referred for report. Sir Samuel Barnardiston, Maurice Thomson, Christopher Boone, and Rowland Wynn are desired to undertake the affairs of the Treasury for the ensuing year. Resolved that no further sale shall be held before the beginning of October next, and that any lot or parcel of goods put up and not sold, shall not be offered again at the same sale. Order is given for a suit to be begun against Mr. Blake, for breach of covenants, in accordance with the advice of the Attorney-General and Sir William Jones. The petition of Francis Moore is referred for report. Upon the application of Thomas James, the Committee for Lawsuits are desired to consider and report what is best to be done touching his adventure. (¾ *p.*)

A GENERAL COURT OF SALES, APRIL 22 AND 23, 1673 (*Ibid.*, p. 218).

Sale of Jambi and Malabar pepper, white and light pepper, dust of pepper, China roots, indigo, benzoin, green ginger, tincal, sugar, assa-foetida, tamarinds, seed-lac, cowries, red earth, sappan wood, coffee, longcloth, blue longcloth, sallampores, parcallaes, bettellees, Oringall bettellees, ginghams, sailcloth, sannoes, cassaes, docettees, humhums, tanjeb, morees, Guinea stuffs, tapseiles broad and narrow, brawles, serias, dungarees, derebauds, baftas broad and narrow, broad chintz, brown pautkaes, mercolees, sovaguzzees, niccanees, taffetas, diapers, allejaes, silk, calico wrappers, and cotton wool. With prices and names of purchasers. (9¾ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, APRIL 25, 1673 (*Ibid.*, p. 228).

Sambrook reporting that Mrs. Knowles refuses to brick up that end of the cellar which lies next to the Company's warehouse at Leadenhall, certain Committees are desired to speak with her and act as they shall

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see cause. The Shipping Committee to ascertain from Captains Crover and Whitty why they did not come together from St. Helena, and report. The Committee for Lawsuits to consider how best to recover the money owing by Mr. Pearle to the Company. The owners of the *Mary* to be paid 2,000*l.* in part of freight and demurrage. Robert Blackborne is re-elected Secretary at 200*l.* a year, Humphrey Edwyn, Auditor at 100*l.* a year, and Thomas Clayton, Doorkeeper at 40*l.* a year; further elections are deferred until Wednesday. The *Advice* to be refitted and victualled for a voyage to India. The Committee for the Pepper Warehouse to consider how those who have bought and cleared pepper may be accommodated with warehouse room without prejudice to the Company. (1¼ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, APRIL 25, 1673 (AFTERNOON) (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 229).

The account of the late Mr. Sayer to be examined. A letter is read from Thomas Rolt and Captain Young, Chief and Second in Persia, and the Committee for Writing Letters are desired to draw up an answer to it according to the sense of the present debate, and also to prepare a letter to be sent to the President and Council of Surat about Mr. Rolt's going to Spahan, and about Tockersey,[1] the broker. A bill of exchange for 1,009*l.* 16*s.*, drawn by the Agent and Council at Bantam, payable to Captain Matthew Crover, is presented to the Court and accepted by the Governor. George Bower to be paid 21*l.* for a gold medal and a steel seal [?die] made by him according to the order of the Company. The petition of Barbara Clarke to be examined. (¾ *p.*)

PETITION OF THE COMPANY TO THE KING, APRIL 25, 1673 (*Home Miscellaneous*, vol. xlii, p. 239).

Understanding that His Majesty is entering into a treaty with the Dutch, they humbly crave leave to represent the particulars enclosed, which they conceive necessary to be proposed on their behalf for reparation of damages and for the free and peaceable carrying on of their future trade in the Indies. They humbly pray His Majesty to take the same into consideration, and give such directions to his ambassadors therein as in his great wisdom he shall see fit. *Annexed*: Articles proposed to be insisted on at the treaty: Whereas the English and Dutch nations by their discoveries and forces have opened up the trade of the East Indies, and thereby the subjects and inhabitants

[1] Thākursi, formerly employed at Gombroon.

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of each nation and particularly the Companies of the one and other nation in an especial manner, have right to trade in all parts of India not actually in the occupancy and under the immediate government of the other. To the end therefore that right may be done and satisfaction made for damages sustained by either Company since the peace concluded at Breda in 1667, and for preventing all difficulties in time to come, and for the begetting and continuing a good understanding between the subjects of the one and the other country in their commerce and trade in the East Indies, the following articles are humbly proposed: 1. That whereas some disputes have formerly arisen between the two Companies touching certain places pretended to have been besieged, blocked up, or invested, and lest any difficulty should hereafter arise touching the same, it is now mutually declared and agreed, that no city, town, castle or place whatsoever, beyond the Cape of Good Hope, or within the limits of their respective charters, granted to each Company, shall from henceforth be understood by either side to be besieged, blocked up, or invested, unless the same be actually so beleaguered, both by land and sea that all ingress and regress into and from the same is thereby hindered. 2. That the subjects and inhabitants of the one side and the other, and also particularly the privileged Companies of the one and the other nation, may freely and without any hindrance, traffic with all the people and all the nations of which the country is not effectually occupied and under the immediate power and government of His Majesty or the States-General, or of their privileged Company in their names, and that neither the one nor the other Company shall hinder with its fleets, ships of war, or any force the said traffic, their ships, agents or factors, that shall be employed in their voyages or passages. And that as to places where either of the said Companies have already established or shall establish their commerce by means of a Factory, Burio or Lodge, which either Company hath made there or shall make hereafter, or by factors that it hath put or shall send thither, neither of the said companies shall attempt to hinder, stop, or impede the access of the other to it or to hinder the same by forts or castles which they have heretofore, or may erect hereafter upon any river or passages leading thereunto. 3. That in case one or the other Company shall make any agreement or contract with any of the princes or people of those countries for the sole buying of any commodities, yet such contract shall not be understood or made use of to impede or hinder the other Company in their trading to

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from or in such place or country. 4. That if either Company have war with any nation in India, the other Company shall not furnish or assist such nation during the time of such war, either with ships or soldiers. 5. That the passports of either Company, their Presidents, Governors, Agents or Chiefs of factories given to any Indian or other vessels belonging to such people or places as are not in enmity with the other Company (not carrying contraband goods to places in hostility with the other Company), signifying to what place such vessel belongs and what her voyage is, shall be courteously and civilly received and credited. And that in case one or the other Company shall on occasion freight and make use of any of the vessels of any of those countries (not in hostility with the other Company) for carrying of any of their goods from place to place, and the same certify in their passport, such passport shall be received and credited, and such ship or vessel with their goods permitted freely to pass without any stop or interruption. 6. Whereas the Dutch East India Company by a treaty with the King of Macassar have obliged him to exclude the English nation from all trade and commerce in those parts: it is agreed, that the said treaty made by the agents of the Dutch East India Company with the said king and government of Macassar, and every article thereof so far as any way relates to the English East India Company, be and is hereby made void. And that the States-General shall by the next shipping bound for India, send effectual orders to their General and Council at Batavia publicly to renounce, release, and make void the same, by some public act to be proclaimed and signified to the king and government of Macassar, and that the subjects of His Majesty of Great Britain shall peaceably have and enjoy their free liberty, residence and trade in those parts as if that treaty had never been made. And that the Lords States-General shall likewise straightly charge and oblige their East India Company forthwith to abrogate and make void all and every the like treaties and compacts by them made with any other kings, princes, or governments in India so far forth as they relate to the English nation, and to cause such revocation to be published at the respective place where such treaties or compacts have been made and to signify the same to the kings, princes, and governments with whom they were made. And that upon producing a copy of these articles, it shall be lawful for the English East India Company their agents and factors to trade in, to, and from Macassar aforesaid, and all other places from which they have been or may be hindered in their

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trade and commerce upon such pretences. And that the said States-General shall also require and oblige their East India Company, that they nor any of their agents shall for the future make any such treaties or articles with any of the kings, princes, or governments in India to the prejudice of the English in their trade. 7. It is concluded and agreed that all losses and damages which either Company have sustained by or from the other, in any parts or places within the limits of their respective charters since the peace concluded at Breda, anno 1667, shall be satisfied and made good unto the Company that have suffered the same by the other Company who have done them the damage. And for the adjusting thereof it is mutually agreed that on demand made by either Company for reparation of such damages on or before the first day of March, 1674–5 (which demand shall be made in writing by the English East India Company of and from the States-General, and by the Dutch East India Company of and from His said Majesty of Great Britain), four commissioners or arbitrators shall be chosen, that is to say, two by His Majesty of Great Britain, on behalf of the English East India Company, and two by the said States-General on behalf of the Dutch East India Company, who shall meet in London on or before the first day of June, 1675, and shall there hear, examine, and determine the same, and shall give up their award in writing on or before the first day of September 1675. And in case of the non-agreement of the said four arbitrators then the said damages shall be considered of and determined in London by an umpire to be chosen by His said Majesty of Great Britain on behalf of both Companies on or before the first day of November 1675, which said umpire so to be chosen shall make and give up his award concerning the same on or before the first day of February 1675–6. 8. Whereas the English East India Company were possessed of the island Dam, alias Damma, by the voluntary and formal surrender of the said island by the natives, inhabitants thereof, which island the Dutch East India Company did unduly dispossess them of in the month of July, 1664, and after having destroyed the spice trees, deserted the same, so that they were not in possession thereof at the end of the last war, which possession by the 3rd article of the treaty of Breda only gives each nation a right to what they then possessed. It is therefore agreed that the said island shall for ever hereafter be and remain to the English East India Company as their own proper right, and if the Dutch East India Company shall be in possession of the same, they shall upon demand and appearance

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of the English forthwith acquit and surrender the same to the said English East India Company, or to their agents or assigns, without doing or suffering any waste or spoil to be done thereupon, and the States-General of the United Provinces, and the Dutch East India Company shall forthwith give order to their General and Council at Batavia accordingly and send duplicates of the same to the English East India Company. 9. That no person whatsoever residing in or upon any of the islands or places where either Company have any forts, castles, or plantations of either of the said Company, or being within the limits thereof, shall be molested, disturbed, or removed by the force or power of the other Company upon any pretence whatsoever. 10. That either Company shall have liberty to water, wood, victual and refresh in any of the ports or places possessed by the other Company within the limits of their respective charters, and shall also have freedom to put into any such ports or places with any of their ships or vessels in stress of weather or other imminent danger for relief and safety. And in case the ships of either Company do meet together at sea and happen to be in distress, they shall upon request relieve each other as need requires and treat each other with all due civility and respect. *Delivered to Sir Joseph Williamson and Sir Lionnell Jenkins per the Governor with a book of all the transactions in this Reg. the 25th April* 1673.

Annexed: *Reasons inserted at the end of each of the foregoing articles, and, A Short Memorial delivered to the Plenipotentiaries*, viz.: The articles of most moment to the Company: 1. Chiefly, the 7th, for mutual reparation of losses. 2. Nextly, 1. For explication of places besieged, etc. 2. For freedom of trade. 3. Private contracts not to hinder each other's trade. 4. Not to assist each the natives in war. 5. Passports of either Company to be credited. 6. That of Macassar. 3. Nextly, the 8th, for restitution of Dam Island. 9. To prevent disturbance on the islands, etc. 10. Liberty to wood and water, etc. (4 *pp.*)

THE COMPANY TO EPHRAIM SKINNER AND COMPANY [AT LEGHORN], APRIL 28, 1673 (*Letter Book*, vol. v, p. 40).

Send their letter to Consul Nightingale at Aleppo and entreat them to forward it by the first opportunity. (⅛ *p.*)

THE COMPANY TO GEORGE WAYLES AND COMPANY [AT VENICE], APRIL 28, 1673 (*Ibid.*, p. 40).

Have enclosed advices from India in a packet to Consul Nightingale

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at Aleppo, and desire that these may be dispatched by the first safe conveyance. (⅛ *p.*)

THE COMPANY TO ROBERT LANG AND COMPANY [AT MARSEILLES], APRIL 28, 1673 (*Ibid.*, p. 40).

Enclose a letter to Consul Nightingale at Aleppo and another to Mr. Aungier at Surat, the former to be dispatched as soon as a safe conveyance offers. Have heard from Monsieur Charles from Cairo (who is employed by the French East India Company), of a quick way to send letters to India via Alexandria, Cairo, and so to Mocha. Desire that their letter directed to Messrs. Lang and Company's correspondent at Alexandria may be forwarded with instructions for its dispatch to Surat by way of Cairo, and if the correspondent does not know how to do this, let him inquire of Monsieur Charles or of Mr. Brusson, and send it with speed and care, for which all costs will be paid. (¼ *p.*)

THE COMPANY TO CONSUL NIGHTINGALE [AT ALEPPO], APRIL 28, 1673 (*Ibid.*, p. 41).

Formerly sent their letters to Consul Lanoy, his predecessor, and were always contented with his care and diligence, and doubt not but that Nightingale will show the same. They now send three small packets directed to their President and Council at Surat, one by way of Leghorn, the other via Marseilles, and the third via Venice. Desire him to forward the two first immediately by express by two conveyances, but to keep the other until further advice. (¼ *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, APRIL 30, 1673 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 230).

Payment of 63*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.* to be made to Mrs. Sarah Gifford. Thomas Pearle being willing to enter into bond to pay the Company 300*l.* at six months, engage his stock as security, and have releases passed between himself and the Company, his offer is accepted, and order given for the said bond and releases to be prepared. The arbitrators in the matter of William Mainstone and the Company to be allowed an extension of time, until June 24 next, for their determination. The owners of the *European* to be paid in full for her freight and demurrage. Certain Committees to ascertain whether the bonds and covenants entered into by Joseph Sayer and his securities should be delivered up. The owners of the *Mary* to be paid in part for freight and demurrage.

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James Paul to be paid 16*l.* for a clock bought from him for the Company. The demand of Mr. Masters for allowance for wrappers wanting on several bales of dungarees is referred for consideration. The Committee for the Treasury finding it very inconvenient to have any money but the Company's kept in the Treasury, the Cashier-General and all the other officers there are strictly charged not to receive or pay out any money but the Company's. The Court now re-elect the following officers at their annual salaries, viz.: Michael Dunkin, Supervisor of Cash, at 150*l.*; Richard Harris, his assistant, 90*l.*, and as Housekeeper and Beadle, 30*l.*; Edward Byrch, assistant, 50*l.*; John Harbert, Accountant-General, 130*l.*; Leventhorp Altham, his assistant, 80*l.*; Thomas Butler, clerk assistant, 50*l.*; Samuel South, clerk assistant, 40*l.* John Hooper, clerk assistant, 40*l.*; Thomas Ashby, clerk assistant, 40*l.*; Thomas Sprigg, Husband, 200*l.*; Francis Thomson, his assistant, 80*l.*; Charles Aston, as Keeper of the Pepper Warehouse, 80*l.*, as Paymaster to the Mariners, 30*l.*; George Papillon, as Keeper of the Blue Warehouse, 160*l.*, for managing the candle, 10*l.*; Captain John Prowd, Surveyor of Ships, 80*l.* (1¾ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, MAY 2, 1673 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 232).

The claim of Mr. Ward, surgeon, for three months' pay due for his outward-bound voyage to India is referred. Some damaged pepper returned in the *Mary* to be delivered to the owners and charged to their account. Robert Styles is admitted to the freedom by redemption. A report is read from the Committees to whom the complaints of Robert Smith, the City Garbler, were referred, in which they state that several kings by patent under the Broad Seal have conferred the garbling of pepper, spices, and other goods upon the City of London and that, by two acts of Parliament, it is decreed that all goods that are to be garbled must be garbled before they are put up for sale, or they will be forfeited. That the City of London has granted to Robert Smith, under their common seal for a certain term of years, the office of Garbler at a certain rent. Smith complains that pepper has been delivered ungarbled to several grocers, and that the porters of the Pepper Cellars have used the Company's tools for sifting, garbling, and cleansing merchants' goods abroad, contrary to the law and greatly to his damage; therefore the Committees advise that Aston, Keeper of the Pepper Warehouse, shall not deliver any pepper sold to any grocer before it

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has been garbled and the seal of the garbler's office fixed on the bags, and that none of the Company's tools shall be used by the porters of the Pepper Warehouse, or lent for sifting, garbling, or cleansing any goods abroad: the Court approve of the report. The Governor and certain Committees are desired to confer with the Committees of the Royal Company and do their best to recover moneys due from them to the Stock of this Company. The following elections are now made: Samuel Sambrook, Senior, Writer of Letters and Keeper of the Calico Warehouse at 200*l.* a year; Samuel Sambrook, Junior, his assistant at 100*l.* a year; and Henry Rowse, messenger, at 30*l.* a year. A report, touching warehouse accommodation to be given to buyers, is read and approved. Dispatches to be sent overland to Surat and Persia to be perfected. A letter is read from Sir Thomas Wolstenholme and Sir John Shaw, late Farmers of the Customs, and the Treasury Committees are desired to compare the Farmers' books of accounts with those of the Company. John Hales to be repaid the fine and freight charged on some indigo, which is not to be found in the warehouse, Warrants are now signed for payment of gratuities for the year 1672, viz.: to Sir John Banks, Governor, 200*l.*, Nathaniel Herne, Deputy, 100*l.*, Benjamin Albyn 42*l.* 6*s.*, George, Lord Berkeley, 34*l.* 4*s.*, Christopher Boone, 51*l.* 15*s.*, Sir Samuel Barnardiston, 33*l.* 6*s.*, John Bathurst, 34*l.* 4*s.*, Sir Francis Clarke, 45*l.* 9*s.*, Thomas Canham, 51*l.* 6*s.*, Michael Davison, 51*l.* 6*s.*, Sir James Edwards, 43*l.* 4*s.*, James Houblon, 46*l.* 16*s.*, Edward Hopegood, 50*l.* 8*s.*, John Jollife, 52*l.* 4*s.*, Samuel Moyer, 52*l.* 4*s.*, John Morden, 47*l.* 14*s.*, John Paige, 49*l.* 1*s.*, Sir John Robinson, 29*l.* 14*s.*, Sir Andrew Riccard, 18*l.* 9*s.*, Daniel Sheldon, 40*l.* 10*s.*, Sir William Thomson, 32*l.* 17*s.*, Maurice Thomson, 27*l.* 9*s.* Major Robert Thomson, 44*l.* 11*s.*, Charles Thorold, 45*l.* Rowland Wynn, 47*l.* 14*s.*, and Christopher Willoughby, 24*l.* 6*s.* (2¼ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, MAY 5, 1673 (AFTERNOON) (*Ibid.*, p. 234).

Drafts of two letters, one to Persia and one to Surat, are now read; the first is approved, and the latter is referred to the Committee for Writing Letters for alteration 'according to the sense of the present debate'. (¼ *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, MAY 7, 1673 (*Ibid.*, p. 235).

On the petition of Jane Privet for the account of her husband, Captain John Privet, late commander of the *London*, to be reviewed, certain

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Committees are desired to do this. Examination and report to be made of the account of Quarles Brown, late Agent at Bantam. Sir Thomas Bludworth states, on behalf of himself and the rest of the owners of the *Unicorn*, that according to intimation received provision had been made for fifty passengers to be taken in the said ship to St. Helena, but only forty were sent aboard, and no opportunity given to dispose of the surplus provisions prepared, by which the owners were much 'damnified'; the matter is referred for consideration. On information that Lord Berkeley has sold an adventure of 250*l.* to Elizabeth Hill, and that the latter has not paid the 5*l.* for admittance as an adventurer, order is given for that amount to be put to her account and deducted from the next dividend. The request of Sir William Warren and Mr. Wood for demurrage for several ships which came from India last summer and stayed at Portsmouth, etc., is referred to the Shipping Committee. The owners of the *John and Margaret* [*Martha* in the margin] to be paid some money due to them from the late Henry Anderson. The transfer of an adventure of 125*l.* made in September last by Mary Bathurst to the late Dame Penelope Dynham, and accepted by her solicitor, is allowed. Archibald Clinkard to be paid 700*l.* for the *Canary Bird* 'her apparel and furniture' sold to the Company. The sum of 10*l.* due to the late John Comber for his dividend of 20 per cent the 8th instant to be paid to Charles Aston, his assignee. A warrant is tendered to the Court for payment of 112*l.* 4*s.* 6*d.* to Michael Dunkin for interest of 1,700*l*, being what the adventurers in the United Joint Stock have credit for in the General Books; hereupon certain Committees are desired to ascertain and report whether any interest is payable for the said money before payment is made. (*2 pp.*)

INSTRUCTIONS TO THE EARL OF SUNDERLAND, SIR LEOLINE JENKINS, AND SIR JOSEPH WILLIAMSON, EXTRAORDINARY AMBASSADORS FOR HIS MAJESTY FOR THE TREATY OF PEACE, WHITEHALL, MAY 7, 1673 (*Public Record Office: S.P. Foreign Entry Book*, vol. lxiv, p. 94).

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The principal points We shall insist upon beyond the particular ones relating to general amity, commerce, etc., are these following: 1. To have that honour in the future paid to the flag of England, which hath been practised and acknowledged by them in all former times. . . . 2. A million pounds sterling to reimburse Us in some part the expenses We have been at in making the war. . . . 3. Ten thousand pounds per annum as an honorary acknowledgement for the great benefit that

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Republic reaps for the fishing on Our coasts, and two thousand [pounds] more per annum for the like liberty they enjoy upon the coast of Our kingdom of Scotland. 4. To suffer Our subjects to depart without delay out of the colony of Surinam, where they have been unjustly detained by them hitherto, contrary to the peace of Breda. 5. A regulation of the trade in India, etc., wherein great violence and vexatious grievances are exercised upon Our subjects by those of the United Netherlands. . . . 11. After you have adjusted the points relating to our interests with the Ministers of the States-General, according to the 2nd article of these Our instructions, you shall apply yourselves to treat with them apart upon the body of articles relating to the commerce, pursuant to those delivered to you at Our committee of Foreign Affairs. . . . 12. . . . We could wish that at the same time the peace shall be made upon the heads expressed in the 2nd article of these instructions, there were likewise a treaty of commerce admitted of, according to the project you carry with you, but because that may be looked upon as a thing which will take up much time and so retard the peace, We leave it to your choice upon the place whether you will insist upon it there, or in an article condition the sending commissioners hither to London, within a limited time, and make use of that argument to strengthen your demands of cautionary towns, but, if on the other side you find it easy to obtain, under that head, a regulation of the trade in the East Indies, the securing those three points always wished for by the East India Company, viz.: That the Dutch shall make no treaties in the Indies to exclude Our subjects from the trade there. That no forts they shall build in any parts shall exclude them from the trade with the people of those countries. That no declaration of war on their side shall exclude Our subjects from trade with those countries otherwise than to besieged towns. If, We say, any such one article can be easily obtained, including these foregoing points and comprehended in the first treaty of peace, you shall use your utmost endeavours to obtain it. If otherwise, We are content it be also reserved to a treaty of commerce . . . By His Majesty's command, *signed* Arlington.

THE COMPANY TO CONSUL NIGHTINGALE [AT ALEPPO], MAY 8, 1673 (*Letter Book*, vol. v, p. 43).

Send two packets directed to their Chief and factors at Gombroon, and desire these may be forwarded, one via Leghorn, the other by way of Marseilles. ($\frac{1}{8}$ *p.*)

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THE COMPANY TO ROBERT LANG AND COMPANY [AT MARSEILLES], MAY 8, 1673 (*Letter Book*, vol. v, p. 43).

Send a packet to Consul Nightingale and desire them to forward it by the first conveyance. ($\frac{1}{8}$ *p.*)

THE COMPANY TO EPHRAIM SKINNER AND COMPANY [AT LEGHORN], MAY 8, 1673 (*Ibid.*, vol. v, p. 43).

Enclose a packet for Consul Nightingale and desire them to forward it as soon as a conveyance shall offer. ($\frac{1}{8}$ *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, MAY 9, 1673 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 237).

Mr. Dashwood to be paid the 6½ per cent due on the goods he bought at the last sale. The bonds and covenants given by the late Lawrence Chambers and his sureties to be delivered to his executors. The following officers are re-elected at their annual salaries, viz.: William Moses, as Solicitor at 20*l.*, Elisha Coles, assistant to the Secretary at 50*l.*, and John Russel, assistant to Sambrook at 40*l.* The Cashier-General is directed to pay no warrants in future except to those named in them, or to assigns named on the back or to those who have letters of attorney to receive the money; an order to this effect to be affixed to the door of the Treasury. The Committee for Shipping 'to make an establishment of the tonnage for all goods brought from India', distinguishing the fine goods from those called coarse or gruff. The vault at Leadenhall to be examined, and report made as to whether it may be useful to the Company. A warrant to be made out for payment of interest due to the Trustees of the United Stock for 1,000*l.* lent by them to the Company. After reading a report made by the Committee for Debts and Lawsuits, the Court resolve that a distinct account shall be kept in a separate book of all goods exported upon which the half subsidy is due; that an inventory shall be taken of all the Company's household goods and these registered fairly; that several small debts shall be discharged by the Accountant-General or carried to the account of profit and loss; and the money owing by Richard Seaborne, Richard and Gilbert Beavis, James Beacham and Thomas Shingler shall be carried to the account of desperate debts; and the debts of John Rawlins, Thomas Hopkins, and William Johnson shall be first charged in the ledger and then also placed to the account of desperate debts. The debt of Mr. Penington for camphor to be examined, and the motion of Mr. Bathurst for allowance

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on damaged dungarees. The Accountant not to permit any warrant to be made out for the 700*l.* for which the United Stock have credit in the Company's books, nor for any interest on the same without a special order. Allowance to be made to Mr. Master for damaged calicoes. (*2 pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, MAY 16, 1673 (*Ibid.*, p. 239).

Margaret wife of Samuel Foote, factor at Bantam, to be paid 20*l.* on account of her husband's wages, and advice to be sent out that one-half of Foote's salary is in future to be paid to his wife in England towards her subsistence. The petition of Robert Guillym is referred to the Committee for Private Trade. The sum of 40*s.* from the poor-box is given to the widow of George Baker, formerly employed as a mate in India; and another 40*s.* to Agnes Spurin, whose husband is a soldier in Bombay, and order given for the latter to be advised to pay part of his wages into the Company's cash towards the maintenance of his wife and family. Widow Harper of Deal to be given 10*l.*, her husband having been accidentally drowned in attending the *Advance* on her arrival from India, and Mr. Lucas, owner of that ship, is to be asked to afford the widow some further relief. Ballast to be supplied for the *Advice*. The carpenter's bills to be examined. The petition of Samuel Stephens is read and referred to the Committee for Lawsuits. A parcel of canes returned in the *London* to be delivered to John Mumbery free of freight. The account of Michael Langley to be examined. (1½ *pp.*)

ORDER OF COUNCIL, MAY 23, 1673 (*Public Record Office: Privy Council Register*, vol. lxiv, p. 24).

Sir Edward Winter's petition is read, representing that His Majesty was graciously pleased on April 9 last to grant a day for hearing the differences between Sir Edward and the East India Company, which has hitherto been deferred by reason of greater and more weighty affairs intervening, which delay has caused great damage and expense to the petitioner. It is now ordered that the differences between the said parties be heard on Wednesday, May 28, at 9 o'clock in the morning, at which time Sir Edward, the East India Company or their Agent George Foxcroft, Jeremy Sambrooke, and all others concerned are to attend.

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, MAY 26, 1673 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 240).

Lead to be provided for the *Advice*. Order is given for each Ware-

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housekeeper to provide a 'Poores box' and encourage any buyers who shall weigh or store their goods to contribute to it, the keys to be given to the Governor. The Treasury Committee to cause a list to be made of all persons who have money at interest in the Company's hands, and give directions for them to be paid their principal and interest 'according to the sense of the present debate'. The Cashier-General to acquaint all who demand their interest money that they can receive the principal, but not to insist on them taking it, and to pay principal and interest to those only who are named by the Treasury Committee. All private papers and money not belonging to the Company to be removed from the Treasury, and order given to Messrs. Harris and Byrch to forbear paying or receiving any money but what belongs to the Company. Mary Hart's petition is referred to the Committee for Private Trade. By desire of Captain Wildy and other owners of the *Phoenix*, Captain Prowd is directed to survey her at the owners' expense, but this is not to entail any obligation on the Company for her entertainment. The Governor, Deputy, and the Treasury Committee to make what provision of bullion for next year they shall judge fit and with least loss to the Company. All buyers who paid in their money in time, to be given the allowance for prompt payment. The Committee for Lawsuits to make such agreement with Samuel Stephens as they deem right. A report touching the late Quarles Brown is read and approved; by it the sum due to him for salary and gratuity is to be paid to his executor, Michael Dunkin, who is to give a discharge for the same. (1¾ *pp.*)[1]

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, MAY 26, 1673 (AFTERNOON) (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 242).

Two narratives of the proceedings between the English and Dutch at St. Helena, sent from Captain Beale and Mr. Nokes, are read. Certain Committees are desired to appeal to the Commissioners for Assessments concerning a tax of nine pounds for three months levied on the Company's House. (½ *p.*)

JOHN PAIGE TO SIR JOSEPH WILLIAMSON, MAY 26, 1673 (*Public Record Office: S.P. Dom., Car.* II. 335, no. 219).

. . . . . .

To-day we have received confirmation of the sad news of the taking of our island of St. Helena by the Dutch. Last July our Company sent

[1] Among the warrants is one for 22*l.* 14*s.* 'made paid in cash'.

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out a man-of-war of 36 guns and 400 tons, with 120 seamen and 75 soldiers, carrying 40 barrels of gunpowder, 30 great guns and 150 muskets with other ammunition, to fortify the island, with ironwork, timber, etc. She arrived there November 16 last, and about December 20 appeared four ships, which proved to be men-of-war belonging to the Dutch East India Company, which left Amsterdam in April, 1672, for Cape Bona Speranza, where they took in some soldiers. The Admiral had 40 and the others 36 and 32 guns, and a pinnace of 16. They immediately attacked our man-of-war and castle, who defended themselves with much resolution, and forced them to leave the Road. Two days after they went to another place, and landed some men, and were there twice repulsed. In the meantime arrived a French ship of 22 guns from India, and another of the Company's of 26 guns, but their men were so sickly and weak they added very little to our strength. The Dutch continued their daily alarms and landing for ten days, till our men were quite harassed and tired out for want of rest, so that on New Year's Day they landed 400 men, and took one of ours prisoner, who confessed to them the strength of the island. We, having not above 170 fighting men, were forced to retire to our fort which they doubted they could not keep, so they embarked, both men, women, and children, and carried away what provision and ammunition were in the fort, spiking the guns, and went to Brazil to refresh, where they hired a nimble Portuguese frigate to ply off the island, and give our India ships notice of its being taken, though I fear she will be chased away by the Dutch, and so our twelve ships expected from India, which are worth 400,000*l.* or 500,000*l.*, may be in great danger of being surprised. A more particular relation is sent to Lord Arlington. . . .

Representation of the Company to the Plenipotentiaries at Cologne, May 27, 1673 (*Home Miscellaneous*, vol. xlii, p. 245).

Having received advice by their ships, the *Humphrey and Elizabeth* and the *Surat Merchant*, lately arrived at Plymouth from St. Helena, they feel constrained to inform Their Excellencies that on December 20 four of the Dutch East India ships, the *Frayhead*, *Paulsbrook*, *Gottenburgh*, and one small vessel which left the Netherlands about April or May, 1672, arrived in the road of St. Helena at the usual landing place and attacked their fortifications and one of their ships in the Road for some hours, but finding it too hot for them they desisted and attempted the island in other places, and were beaten off several times. But about

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December 31 and January 1 they landed about 400 men 'in a private place', and the Company's men being spent with continual watching and labour, the enemy gained the hills and took possession of the island, the fort not being tenable to the landward. The Governor and people retreated on board the *Humphrey and Elizabeth* and the *Surat Merchant*, who during the fight had come into the Road in a weak condition with a French vessel from Bantam. What other loss may succeed the Company know not, but they are fearful for their ships that touch at the island on their homeward voyage. They also have doubts about the ships sent thither by His Majesty whether they will arrive too late (having been detained so long) either to recover the island or secure the expected ships. They entreat Their Excellencies to keep their concerns in remembrance as to the restitution of this island, or any other place, ships, or goods the Dutch may have taken. They are informed the Dutch have destroyed several French ships, and that the French King intends to insist on restitution; and though what concerns him may be inconsiderable, and he may decline to take any steps, the Company hope Their Excellencies will insist on his doing so, 'as the interest of the kingdom, being we desire it may be reciprocal'. *Signed* John Banks, Governor. (¾ *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, MAY 28, 1673 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 242).

It being moved on behalf of John Fenn for the business depending between the Company and Mr. Paige to be concluded, Mr. Canham is desired to treat with those concerned for the security and advantage of the Company; and two other Committees with the assistance of Moses are to consider how a legal assignment may be obtained from Paige of his interest in the goods belonging to Mr. Cooke. Mr. Canham is also desired to make some agreement with Major Grant, who proposes to reveal some concealed estate belonging to the Company, provided he may have half of it for his pains. Thomas Winter states that a solicitor is at the door with something from Sir Edward Winter; the solicitor is called in and delivers a paper containing the following proposal; that in the treaty between Sir Edward and the Company the latter shall make no objection to the imprisoning of Mr. Foxcroft and the continuing of the government of Fort St. George by Sir Edward during the said imprisonment, for Sir Edward conceives that in this he did nothing but what his duty and loyalty obliged. If this is allowed by the Company,

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Sir Edward will be ready to nominate some persons to consider what just satisfaction should be made to him. But if the Company do not agree to it then Sir Edward will apply to the King and Council. The Court reply that, if Sir Edward had made an overture to compose the difference between himself and the Company in an amicable way they would have listened, but his proposal being wholly exclusive of anything of the sort they do not think fit to answer it. The request of Mr. Moore 'touching a light which he desires leave to make out' is referred for consideration. The account of John Dowse to be examined. The gratuity of thirty guineas to Captain Langston to be paid to Sir James Edwards. William Blennerhayset is admitted to the freedom by redemption. (2¼ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, MAY 30, 1673 (*Ibid.*, p. 244).

Payment to be made according to a report now read and approved to John Dowse, late a writer at Bantam. (¾ *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JUNE 2, 1673 (*Ibid.*, p. 245).

Letters received this morning overland from Fort St. George, Bombay, Surat, and Gombroon are read. (½ *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JUNE 4, 1673 (*Ibid.*, p. 245).

Seamen belonging to the *Humphrey and Elizabeth* to be paid their wages, but no officer above the rank of quartermaster to be paid until further order. The Committee for Lawsuits to direct Moses how to prepare an answer to Mr. Blake's bill by Monday next. The Shipping Committee to examine and report concerning the mutinies raised and fomented by Mr. Noakes and others at St. Helena. A written proposal from Sir Edward Winter delivered by his brother Thomas is read; in it Sir Edward states that he is willing to choose two Committees and for the Company to choose two more, and if these four can compose the difference between himself and the Company and their decision meets with his approval he is ready to acquiesce in it, but if he cannot agree with their decision then he desires that the matter may be brought before the Lord Chancellor and left wholly to his decree. The Court reply that as this proposal is contrary to the nature of arbitration it would be but expense of time to little or no purpose to consider it. Thomas Winter asking for the proposal to be returned, order is given for him to have a copy, and the Governor is desired to communicate the

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original to the Lord Chancellor. Certain Committees to endeavour to get some rebate of the assessment of the Company's house from the Commissioners for Appeals. Mrs. Davidge to be given a warrant for her dividend. (1¾ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JUNE 6, 1673 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 247).

The following proposal from Sir Edward Winter for ending all differences between himself and the Company is read, viz.: That the matter be referred to four Committees, two to be chosen by himself and two by the Company, these four to hear both parties, and, if they agree in their decision, then it is to be put to Sir Edward and the Company for their approbation, and in case the Company or Sir Edward shall not approve, then it shall be referred to the determination of the Lord Chancellor. Hereupon the Court desire certain Committees to confer with Sir Edward and report as to the security he is prepared to give for standing to such award as shall be made. The request of James Hayes for some abatement of interest charged him for late payment for long-cloth is referred to the Committee for Debts. On information that many of the inhabitants of St. Helena who came home in the Company's ships are in great want, the Court direct the Shipping Committee to give them such relief as they think needful. (1 *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JUNE 6, 1673 (AFTERNOON) (*Ibid.*, p. 248).

The Company's answer to Mr. Blake's bill in Chancery is read and several amendments made, and the Court resolve that when it is engrossed Moses shall present it to the Treasury Committee for the Company's seal to be affixed. (½ *p.*)

THE COMPANY'S MEMORIAL TO THE KING TOUCHING ST. HELENA, JUNE, 1673 (*Public Record Office: C.O. 77*, vol. xii, f. 271).[1]

Having lately presented their humble addresses to His Majesty that among other things it might be provided in the present treaty for all losses and damages which either Company have sustained by or from the other in any parts or places within the limits of their respective charters since the peace concluded at Breda in 1667, to be satisfied and made good to the Company that have suffered the same by the other Company who have done the damage. And for the adjusting thereof,

[1] For copy see *Home Miscellaneous*, vol. xlii, p. 244.

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that it may be mutually agreed that on demand made by either Company for reparation of such damages on or before March 1, 1674 (which demand shall be made in writing by the English Company of and from the States-General, and by the Dutch Company of and from us) four Commissioners or arbitrators shall be chosen, two on behalf of the English Company, and two by the States-General on behalf of the Dutch Company, who shall meet in London on or before June 1, 1675, to hear, examine and determine the same, and shall give in their award in writing on or before September 1, 1675. And in case of the non-agreement of the said arbitrators, the said damages shall be considered and determined in London by an indifferent umpire on behalf of both Companies on or before November 1, 1675, the said umpire to give in his award on or before February 1, 1675–6. And the Company having now received advice that the Dutch have lately by force of arms taken from them the island of St. Helena, they most humbly pray His Majesty to send instructions to the Plenipotentiaries that the said island and all things belonging to it may be immediately redelivered to them in as good a condition as it was when surprised by the Dutch. (1 *p.*)

THE KING TO [THE AMBASSADORS AT COLOGNE], JUNE 9, 1673 (*Public Record Office: S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 31, *f.* 112).

Directing that, in the treaty with the States-General, it be provided that all losses and damages sustained by the English East India Company and the Dutch East India Company, at the hands of each other in any places within the limits of their respective charters since the peace of Breda, be satisfied to the Company that has suffered the same by the other, such losses and damages to be ascertained by arbitration in manner therein mentioned, and in case they cannot prevail for such mutual satisfaction, they shall at least endeavour to obtain the mutual restitution of all places taken by one Company from the other since the said treaty, and that if they should also fail in this, they are to insist on the restitution of the island of St. Helena, and that it be redelivered in as good condition as it was when the Dutch surprised it.

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JUNE 11, 1673 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 248).

The Committee for Debts report they have agreed with Samuel Stephens that if he and his brother give bond to pay the Company 50*l.* next December, he shall be discharged; to this the Court consent. The

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soldiers who returned in the *Humphrey and Elizabeth* to be paid all wages due and given such relief as the Shipping Committee think necessary. Sir Andrew Riccard having bequeathed 100*l.* to the Company for their poor at Poplar, to be paid within one year after his death and added to the Almshouse stock, and Lady Riccard, the executrix, being ready to pay the said sum if given a receipt, the Treasury Committee are desired to affix the Company's seal to an acquittance for that money, which is to be put to the credit of the account of the said Almshouse at Poplar. Sir Edward Winter declares that he is willing to give bond in from four to ten thousand pounds penalty for performing the award that shall be made pursuant to his proposal of the 6th instant; he then names two of the Committees to act as arbitrators, and the Company name another two, and Sir Edward proposes that they shall be allowed two months to decide, and in case they cannot do so, that the Lord Chancellor shall have the following month in which to come to a decision; to this the Court consent, and resolve that the bonds shall be for ten thousand pounds penalty. The account of the late John Beck to be examined, and the relationship between the deceased and Anne and Abigail Beck ascertained, and what power the latter have to receive the money. The account of Henry Winnicus to be examined. (1¾ *pp.*)

A Court of Committees, June 13, 1673 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 250).

The Court desire Messrs. Moyer and Rudge to attend the meetings of the arbitrators appointed to decide concerning the difference between the Company and Sir Edward Winter, in order to assert the justice of the Company's demands; the Auditor is also to attend, and the Committees for Lawsuits and for the Coast and Bay when necessary, to give their advice and assistance for carrying on the said business. The *Advice*, commanded by Captain Gaich, to be at once furnished with everything necessary for her voyage, to sail as far as Plymouth or Falmouth, and there await further orders, the Treasury to provide 1,000*l.* in pieces of eight and send aboard her as soon as convenient. The petition of Robert Swallow is referred to the Shipping Committee to ascertain and report how he behaved when at St. Helena. Certain Committees to consider the request for delivery of the covenants and security given by John Dowse. The petition of Francis Mowle, late gunner at St. Helena, for readmittance to the Almshouse at Poplar is referred to Captain Prowd. Payment to be made to Henrick Winnicus, surgeon. Captain Richard Cony

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to be paid 50*l.* in full of all demands. The bond and covenants of John Dowse to be given up. A fine of 12*d.* per lb. to be charged on all benzoin imported this year from India, and 3*d.* per pound on all China roots. (1¼ *pp.*)

WARRANT, DORMANT, FROM TREASURER CLIFFORD TO THE CASHIER OF THE CUSTOMS, JUNE 14, 1673 (*Public Record Office: Money Book* (*Customs*), p. 121).

To allow to the East India Company a discount for their six and six months as allowed them by their charter for payment of their customs: there being 40,000*l.* settled to be paid to them out of the customs of the East India commodities imported by them after December 1, 1672, with 6 per cent interest from September 29, 1672, being in satisfaction of saltpetre by them formerly sold to His Majesty.

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JUNE 18, 1673 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 251).

Mr. Paige declares his willingness to accept the overture made to him by Mr. Canham for putting an end to the business depending between himself and the Company, and Mr. Canham asking for the help of another Committee, Mr. Moyer is desired to assist in the matter. A bill of exchange drawn on the Company by Captains Metford and Beale payable to Mr. Jacobs is accepted. The Committee for City Lands and the Mercers Company to be treated with about the rent demanded for the vault on the north side of the Royal Exchange now used by the Company. The Governor to bestow a sum not exceeding 120 guineas in gratuities to such persons as have been serviceable to the Company in getting in money at the Customhouse. Resolved that the fine on raw silk, which is ten shillings on every pound imported on account of private trade, is not to be lessened, except in the case of the informer, or on what is brought into the warehouse. John Paige requests that the box of writings he delivered into Court on July 12 last containing the lease of the rectory of Eltham and the mortgage from himself and Mr. Comport to Mr. Barham, trustees for John Russel, to remain with the Company till the money due thereon should be paid, and then 500*l.* placed in the Company's cash as security for the said John Russel, may now be delivered to the Treasury Committee; to this the Court consent and desire the said Committee to see that the 500*l.* is duly received into the Company's cash, and five per cent interest allowed on

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it. The Committee for Lawsuits to endeavour to obtain payment from Mr. Delavere of his debt to the Company, and in default to direct that proceedings be taken against him. The Surat Committee to consider a motion now made for settling the factory at Gombroon, read what has been written touching the succession of the Chief in Persia, report what they think should be done in the matter, and prepare a letter to the President and Council at Surat about it. A bill of exchange drawn by the Agent and Council at Bantam, payable to Richard Cradock, is accepted. The amount of salary due to Mr. Whitehead to be ascertained. Some consideration to be made to Mr. Day for wrappers wanting for piece-goods he bought. Francis Mowle to be admitted to the Almshouse at Poplar, he having served the Company many years and lost his arm whilst doing so. Signor Alvaro de Costa requests that the bag of letters for Portugal that came from Goa may be delivered to Signor Marquess now present with him, he being one of those to whom the bag is directed; hereupon certain Committees are desired to make inquiries about the said Signor Marquess, and if these are satisfactory, to deliver the bag to him and take his receipt witnessed by some known merchants of Portugal. Cossens, the Auditor's assistant, to help Dunkin in adjusting his accounts with the Company, or with any others. Some allowance is granted on prohibited goods returned in the *Expectation* belonging to those who have 'deserved well of the Company'. (2 *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JUNE 20, 1673 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 253).

The sum of 200*l.*, part of the estate of the late Captain William Stephens, to be paid to those empowered to receive it. At the request of Mr. Pommel, order is given for an examination to be made of Mr. Michelborne's dividend. Bartholomew Peartree's account to be examined. The petition of William Noakes is read, and order given for his books and papers returned from St. Helena in the *Surat Merchant* to be delivered to him. The owners of the *Bombay* to be paid 260*l.* for their share of her charge during her stay in the West Country. The Court noting the inconvenience caused by Committees not arriving in proper time, and how business is hindered by some going early and not leaving a sufficient number to form a full committee, order that any member not arriving before the clock strikes eleven, or going without permission from the Governor or Deputy, and leaving only fourteen persons, their appearance for that day shall not count. Certain Committees to ascer-

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tain why William Rawlins, who was taken ashore by the Agent and Council at Bantam and is now in the Company's service, was detained at Bantam. (1 *p.*)

HUMPHREY EDWIN TO EPHRAIM SKINNER AND COMPANY AT LEGHORN, JUNE 23, 1673 (*Home Miscellaneous*, vol. xxxvi, *p.* 43).

The Company being informed that Matthew Plowman, formerly a broker in London, is now in Leghorn, they have directed Edwin to acquaint Skinner and Company with the case between them and the said Plowman, the facts of which are as follows: In April, 1672, Plowman bought of the Company 430 bags of Jambi pepper and 23 bags of Billiapatam[1] pepper, 255 bags of which have been cleared and taken away by Lewis Deliveir, and 30 bags by John Holeman, so that 100 bags still remain of Jambi at 17*d.* per lb., and 68 bags at 16⅞*d.* per lb., of which pepper Plowman declared both to the Committees and to Edwin that he bought it for the account of Mr. Deliveir's two brothers, except 10 bags, and that they would clear it accordingly. But pepper falling in price, and Plowman fearing the Company would take some course with him, he went to Cambridge, whither Joseph Deliveir followed and agreed to give him 150*l.* to take the pepper upon his account. About December last Joseph Deliveir went from London to Woodstock where Plowman met him, and there eighty guineas was paid and bills delivered for the remainder, and Plowman wrote to the Company that he had unadvisedly bought the remainder of the pepper for his own account. The Deputy will write and inform Plowman of his desires on behalf of the Company. (¾ *p.*)

On the page following is a duplicate of the first half of this letter as far as the word 'accordingly'. Edwin then desires Skinner to procure an attestation of it from Plowman and forward the same by the first opportunity.

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JUNE 25, 1673 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 254).

Mr. Pennington's debt to the Company for camphor to be examined. Imprest money to be paid to the ship's company in the *Advice*. Payment to be made to the owners of the *Surat Merchant* in part of her freight and demurrage. Edward Rogers, minister in the *Surat Merchant*, to be paid for a bill of exchange from the Agent and Council at Bantam which Rogers affirms he lost in the voyage. The Committee for Buying Goods

[1] Bimlapatam.

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to treat with Messrs. Burkin and Everson or any others and ascertain at what price copper may be obtained for the Company. Mr. Maisters asks for some allowance on a bale of goods said to be dungarees, but which on being opened were found to be only wrappers; these were bought of Sambrooke, Junior, and, as many complaints have been made against him for trading in calicoes, the matter is referred for examination and report. A statement of the account of the owners of the *Humphrey and Elizabeth* to be given in. Certain Committees are requested to ascertain the qualifications of Edward Rogers, late chaplain in the *Surat Merchant*. and of Mr. Yorke, recommended by Thomas Papillon, both desiring to be employed by the Company. An award is read by which Mr. Mainston is to pay 1,500*l*. to the Company on specified days. (1½ *pp*.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JUNE 27, 1673 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 256).

The Company's seal to be affixed to their answers to the bills of complaint exhibited in Chancery by Ann Middleton and Henry Newton; to the indenture of covenants for arbitration agreed on between the Company and Sir Edward Winter, and to their bond for performance of covenants. Mr. Sowton's account to be reported. Damaged pepper returned in the *Surat Merchant* to be delivered to her owners. Some allowance to be made to Mr. Washborne for pepper, and to Alderman Hayes for damaged goods. A report concerning the camphor sold to Mr. Pennington is read and approved. No warrants for money to be delivered by the Cashier or Accountant-General, or by any of their clerks or assistants to any but those who are named in them. William Ellingworth's account to be stated. The owners of the *Mary* to be paid in part for her freight and demurrage. Pepper bought by Mr. Badjent to be delivered to Mr. Hooker, and Moses to be instructed to begin an action against Badjent for his debt to the Company. Certain Committees to be empowered to pay Mr. Paige a sum not exceeding 200*l*., during the intervals of this court. All differences between the Company and their factors to be referred only to members of this court, and not to outsiders. (1½ *pp*.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JULY 2, 1673 (*Ibid*., p. 258).

The account of Shem Bridges, late Chief in the Bay, to be reported. The petition of William Swallow and John Wallis is referred to the Shipping Committee. The account of the *Advance* to be perfected, and

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what appears due on balance to be paid. The Shipping Committee to see that the *Advice* is furnished with everything necessary for her voyage, instruct her commander, Captain Gaich, to sail for Plymouth, where he will receive the Company's packet for India, and then go direct for Bantam. Letters to be prepared to send to the Agent and Council at Bantam, to Fort St. George, and to the Chief and Council in the Bay. A bill of exchange drawn by the Agent and Council at Bantam, payable to Captain Nathaniel Horsman, is accepted. (1 *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JULY 4, 1673 (*Ibid.*, p. 259).

The petition of Henry Papworth is referred to the Shipping Committee. Thomas Lucas, owner of the *Advance*, to be paid for her freight and demurrage. The seal of the Company to be affixed to the indenture of covenants drawn up between them and Mr. Paige. (¾ *p.*)

THE COMPANY TO CONSUL NIGHTINGALE [AT ALEPPO], JULY 7, 1673 (*Letter Book*, vol. v, p. 45).

Hope the last two packets came safe to hand and have been forwarded with all expedition. Now send him a packet via Marseilles to be forwarded immediately by express. (⅛ *p.*)

THE COMPANY TO ROBERT LANG AND COMPANY [AT MARSEILLES], JULY 7, 1673 (*Ibid.*, p. 46).

Hope they have received the two last letters directed to Consul Nightingale at Aleppo and dispatched them to him. Send now another packet and desire it may be forwarded as soon as possible. (⅛ *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JULY 11, 1673 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 260).

Moses Bathurst is admitted to the freedom by redemption. Mr. Fenn requesting that the 500*l.* he deposited with the Company as security may be repaid him, the matter is referred for report. Frances Peartree to be paid 25*l.* according to a report now read and approved, by which it appears that her husband, Bartholomew Peartree, went as master's mate in the *Bantam Pink* in 1666, and was in the Company's service when she went with the *Crown* for Tywan in 1671; no account has been received of the said ship, but Peartree having served two years as commander, a far greater sum than 25*l.* would be due to him. The owners of the *Humphrey and Elizabeth* to be paid in full for her hire and freight.

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A bill of exchange drawn by the Agent and Council of Bantam, payable to Captain Francis Johnson, is accepted. The Treasury Committee to accept any money offered on loan. Thomas Langham, executor to Lady Vincent, asking for the dividends due on the adventure of Sir William Vincent, as Henry Newton has not prosecuted his pretended claim in Chancery, although the Company have put in their answer to his bill, order is given for the said dividends to be paid to Langham, he undertaking to leave 500*l.* of Sir William's adventure as security to save the Company harmless in case Newton or any others claim interest in it; an instrument to this effect to be drawn up and signed by Langham. (2 *pp.*)

THE COMPANY TO ROBERT LANG AND COMPANY [AT MARSEILLES], JULY 14, 1673 (*Letter Book*, vol. v, p. 52).

Hope they have received the packet for Consul Nightingale dispatched the 7th instant. They now send a small one, also for the Consul, and pray that it may be speedily forwarded. (⅛ *p.*)

THE COMPANY TO CONSUL NIGHTINGALE [AT ALEPPO], JULY 14, 1673 (*Ibid.*, p. 52).

On the 7th instant they sent him a packet by way of Marseilles, and now enclose a small letter to their Agent and Council at Fort St. George, which if it arrives before dispatch of the former he is to send to Persia, but if the first packet has been already dispatched, then this is to be kept until another packet comes. (¼ *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JULY 25, 1673 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 262).

Edmund Dethick is admitted to the freedom by redemption and Robert Maisters by service. Mr. Nicholas stating that on asking Sambrook for some calicoes bought at the last sale by Mr. Wagstaff, he was told that there are none, and Samuel Shute making a similar complaint and asking for allowance on piece-goods badly packed, the matter is referred to the Committee for the Calico Warehouse to adjust. The owners of the *Surat Merchant* to be paid for freight and demurrage. Messrs. Cossen and Rowse to examine the account of Michael Dunkin. Harbert, his clerks and assistants are told not to show the Company's books to buyers or others without a special order from the Court. Thomas Winter to be allowed interest at the rate of 6½ per cent on some

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money he paid last May for longcloth. The petition of the inhabitants of Poplar and Blackwall touching Mary Harper, lately come from St. Helena, who with her three children is in their precincts and may become chargeable to them is referred to the Committee for Shipping and Plantations. An indenture of covenants is read, by which Mr. Langham and Mrs. Vincent transfer 500*l.* to the Company as security, and the Court appoint two of the Committees to act as their trustees, put their names to the said indenture, and see that the Company's seal is affixed to the counterpart. A report touching the demands of John Fenn is read and approved. Ordered that no goods or merchandise bought of the Company and lodged in their warehouses shall be sold there by any warehousekeeper or by any of their assistants. Several complaints having been made by buyers of Samuel Sambrook, Junior, for trading in calicoes, etc., the Court desire the Committee for the Calico Warehouse to ascertain and report concerning this. The account of the *Surat Merchant* to be stated. Captain Matthew Crover, commander of the *Mary*, to be given 20*l.*, and the officers and men in his ship a month's pay for their care and courage in the action with the Dutch caper, which occurred on the homeward voyage. Captain Gaich, commander of the *Advice*, to be allowed 5*l.* for fresh provisions, and be permitted to come to England after two years stay in the Indies, or sooner, if his health requires it, the Agent and Council at Bantam to be advised accordingly. (3 *pp.*)

ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS TO THE PLENIPOTENTIARIES AT COLOGNE, WHITEHALL, JULY 28, 1673 (*Public Record Office: S.P. Foreign Entry Book*, vol. lxiv, p. 115).

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To the 5th article We have thought fit to add a mutual restitution of goods taken, and satisfaction for damages sustained respectively by the English and Dutch East India Companies from each other, as is more particularly expressed in Our letters and instructions to you bearing date the 9th of June last, which said demand of mutual restitution of goods you are to insist upon, if it may be obtained, yet not so as to break off the treaty thereupon. But We do positively require you to insist upon a mutual restitution of places taken, or which shall be taken before the conclusion of the peace from each Company respectively, and especially that the island of St. Helena, and Fort St. George be

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restored to Our East India Company in as good condition as they were when taken. . . . By His Majesty's command. *Signed* Arlington.

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JULY 30, 1673 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 265).

The stationers' bills to be examined. A bill of exchange from the Agent and Council of Bantam, payable to Captain Francis Johnson, is read and accepted. Payment to be made to Henry Papworth according to a report now read. The petition of John Codrington is referred for consideration. Certain Committees to ascertain and report concerning the powder sent in the *John and Margaret* to Bantam. It being observed that many of the Committees are going into the country so that it will become difficult to get a full Court, and the Company's ships being expected from India, which will cause many things to be done requiring the authority of a full Court unless the Company's business is to suffer; order is given for a Court to be summoned from time to time, as occasion shall arise by direction of the Governor or Deputy, and in their absence, by one or more of the Committees, and in case there shall not be a full Court, then seven or more are hereby appointed to be a sub-committee, who are desired and authorized to do all business that shall be required, and give such directions as they shall think fit to the Company's officers, who are hereby instructed to receive and act on these as if they were given by a full Court. (1 *p.*)

NATHANIEL HERNE TO WILLIAM BRIDGEMAN,[1] AUGUST 1, 1673 (*Home Miscellaneous*, vol. xlii, p. 245).

In accordance with Lord Arlington's command the Deputy Governor writes to remind Bridgeman of the Company's concerns, and begs him to desire His Lordship to recommend to the Plenipotentiaries at Cologne the articles for mutual restitution between the English and Dutch Companies, not only of places, but of ships and goods. 1. The restitution of places, it is apprehended, will be of less moment both to the kingdom and to the English Company, but if the Dutch destroy the English Company's stock in India it would be not only a present loss to the adventurers, but the consequences could hardly be retrieved in many years, for by this means the Dutch would be masters of the pepper and saltpetre trade, the profits of which would enable them to wage war with any princes, and cause disappointment to His Majesty by the loss

[1] Secretary to Lord Arlington.

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of saltpetre. 2. If the Dutch Company are obliged to make restitution, it will prevent their injuring the English Company in the future and so procure the security and enlargement of the latter's trade. 3. The restitution of the ships and estates of the English Company in the Indies would convince the natives that the Dutch suffered the disadvantage of the war, the which they endeavour to disprove; it will also give great reputation to His Majesty throughout India. 4. The English Company presume that now De Witt (who was a great friend to the Dutch Company) is dead, His Highness and the States-General will not obstruct the peace. 5. The restitution desired will be practicable, as the goods and ships taken in India have been appropriated to the use of the Dutch Company only, and not divided, and their value is well known. These reasons, with others which might be added, Herne doubts not, will justify the equity of the English Company's desires; he therefore entreats they may be represented to Lord Arlington. ($\frac{3}{4}$ *p.*)

SAMUEL SAMBROOKE TO TILLIARD [AT PLYMOUTH], AUGUST 2, 1673 (*Letter Book*, vol. v, p. 53).

Captain William Gaich has been ordered by the Company to call at Plymouth in the *Advice* and there await his dispatches. Sambrooke encloses a packet which Tilliard is to deliver to the said captain on his arrival. ($\frac{1}{8}$ *p.*)

SAMUEL SAMBROOKE TO CAPTAIN GAICH AT PLYMOUTH, AUGUST 2, 1673 (*Ibid.*, p. 53).

Enclosed he will find the Company's packet to their Agent and Council at Bantam, his own commission and instructions, and two boxes of succession. He is to omit no opportunity of prosecuting his voyage. ($\frac{1}{8}$ *p.*)

THE LORD-LIEUTENANT[1] AT DUBLIN CASTLE TO LORD ARLINGTON, AUGUST 5, 1673 (*Public Record Office: S.P. Ireland. Car.* II. 334, no. 24).

... By the last letters I ordered Sir H. Ford to give Mr. Bridgeman a particular account of a fleet arrived at Kinsale, consisting of at least 40 East and West Indiamen. You may on this occasion offer to His Majesty's consideration how necessary it were that harbour were well fortified, for, had four or five of the Dutch privateers on this coast met and had intelligence of them, they might have burnt and taken all these

[1] Arthur Capel, Earl of Essex, Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland.

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ships. Their stay there was very short; had they continued there long enough to have sent to me, I would have ordered them a frigate or two more for their convoy. They went away with only the *St. David*, but the four East India ships being of good force I hope they will all get safe to England. . . .

A MEETING OF THE COMMITTEES, AUGUST 7, 1673 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 266).

A letter is read from Captain Goodlad, commander of the *Rainbow*, dated in Kinsale, July 29, 1673, advising of his arrival there with the *Golden Fleece*, *Loyal Merchant*, and *Mediterranean*. Letters are also read, brought by the *Loyal Merchant*, from the President and Council in Bombay and the Deputy President and Council at Surat. (½ *p.*)

WARRANT FROM TREASURER OSBORNE[1] TO THE CASHIER OF CUSTOMS, AUGUST 8, 1673 (*Public Record Office: Warrants Early* xix, p. 184).

To execute the Treasury warrant of October 25, 1672, for paying tallies of 52,000*l.* and 40,000*l.* to the East India Company.

TREASURER OSBORNE'S SUBSCRIPTION OF A WARRANT, AUGUST 8, 1673 (*Public Record Office: Money Book* (*Customs*), p. 121).

Of June 14 last for allowing six and six months' interest to the East India Company on the customs due on their imports.

A MEETING OF THE COMMITTEES, AUGUST 9, 1673 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 266).

Letters to be written to Surat and Gombroon to advise the arrival of the four Surat ships now at Kinsale; also one to the commanders of the said four ships to acquaint them with the order of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty for a convoy to attend them to the Downs. Mr. Hobby to be added to the Committee for Private Trade. (½ *p.*)

THE COMPANY TO ROBERT LANG AND COMPANY [AT MARSEILLES], AUGUST 11, 1673 (*Letter Book*, vol. v, p. 61).

Enclose a packet for Consul Lanoy which they wish forwarded by the first conveyance. Their four ships expected from Surat have arrived at Kinsale in Ireland, viz. the *Golden Fleece*, *the Rainbow*, *Loyal Merchant*, and *Mediterranean*. (¼ *p.*)

[1] Sir Thomas Osborne, Treasurer of the Navy.

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THE COMPANY TO CONSUL NIGHTINGALE [AT ALEPPO], AUGUST 11, 1673 (*Ibid.*, p. 61).

If the packet sent him on July 14 still remains in his keeping they desire that it may now be forwarded with the enclosed by express. Tell him of the safe arrival at Kinsale of their four ships from Surat, the *Golden Fleece*, the *Rainbow*, *Loyal Merchant*, and *Mediterranean*. (¼ *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, AUGUST 12, 1673 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 267).

A letter is read from Captain Peirce and the other commanders of the Surat ships, dated at Kinsale the 1st instant, and order given for directions to be sent them to come away with the *St. David*, if they cannot get any more convoy, and if the said ship has already gone, then they are to procure the convoy of any one or more of the other frigates that are or shall be in port, sail at the first opportunity and call at Plymouth for further orders. The Treasury Committee reporting that there is a bag of bad and counterfeit money, to the value of about 150*l.*, received at various times since the beginning of this Stock, they are told to dispose of this 'to the best advantage', and carry any loss accruing to the account of profit and loss. Mr. Dunkin owing a considerable sum of money to the Company, Sambrook is directed to go (with such others as he shall think fit) to Plaistow to speak with Dunkin and desire him either to pay his debt or give bond for it. (1 *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, AUGUST 15, 1673 (*Ibid.*, p. 268).

By request, the Court consent to those acting as mediators in the business between the Company and Sir Edward Winter being allowed another month to decide and order new covenants and bonds to be entered into accordingly, and the Company's seal to be affixed to the counterparts. Mr. Rawlinson asking for the Court's approbation to the transfer of Mr. Martin's adventure to himself, the matter is referred for consideration. Orders made by the Committees at the two several meetings of the 7th and 9th instant are approved, and direction is given for these to be entered as orders of Court. Mr. Andrews offers the *Falcon*, lately bought in Holland, for service, and is told that when the Company want a ship his offer shall be considered; a like answer is given to Captain Baily, who tenders the *Surat Merchant*. (¾ *p.*)

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JOHN PAIGE TO SIR JOSEPH WILLIAMSON, AUGUST 15, 1673 (*Public Record Office: S.P. Dom., Car.* II. 336, no. 255).

. . . Since my coming home little has offered worth your notice, save the good news of four of our East India ships being arrived at Kinsale. They came from Surat January 13 last, and arrived at St. Helena April 22, where, finding the island taken by the Dutch, the latter fired several guns from the fort at them, having never a Dutch ship in the Road. They were answered by our ships again, upon which they steered for Barbadoes, where they arrived June 9 and left June 17. I enclose the cargoes of three of them, both in English and French. The other is not yet come to hand. The four may be computed to be worth about 250,000*l.* We expect six more from the Coast of Coromandel, worth about 300,000*l.* God send them well. . . .

A GENERAL COURT, AUGUST 18, 1673 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 269).

The Deputy Governor informs the generality that they have been called together to be told of a letter received from the Lord Chancellor and the Lords' Commissioners for Prizes, advising that His Majesty has a Dutch East India prize now sailing up the river, and wishes to have her cargo sold to the best advantage, and, having had experience of the conduct of the Company on a former occasion of this nature, the King is inclined to recommend the sale and disposition of the said ship and cargo to their management. Hereupon the generality declare their readiness to serve His Majesty in the sale and disposal of the goods in the said prize, and accordingly empower the Committees to transact the business in such a manner as may be best for the advantage of the King, and safety of the Company. (¾ *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, AUGUST 18, 1673 (AFTERNOON) (*Ibid.*, p. 270).

On consideration of the vote passed this day by the generality, the Court resolve to make a representation to the Lord Commissioners for Prize Goods, to the following effect: That in conformity with their Lordships' commands, a General Court was summoned and the members told of the letter touching His Majesty's Dutch East India prize, and the desire that her sale should be undertaken by the Company. In this the generality declared their readiness to serve His Majesty, and empowered the Committees to transact the business. In pursuance of this resolution a Court of Committees was held, and they also de-

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clared their readiness to serve His Majesty in the matter, provided that directions are given for the same to be done to ensure the best advantage to His Majesty, and in accordance with the methods used in the Company's own sales and by their officers, and security given for charges to be disbursed and without prejudice to the Company by reason of any charter or commission given by the King or any under him, or any others for disposal of prize goods, and with such other conditions as may be convenient and secure for His Majesty and the Company. (1 *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, AUGUST 19, 1673 (*Ibid.*, p. 271).

A letter to be written to Captain Munden to tell him that if he puts in to Ireland he is to take the first opportunity of a fair wind to come for the Channel with the Company's ships under his convoy, and call at Plymouth for further orders. Captain Gaich to be written to and told to stay at Plymouth with the *Advice* till further orders. A letter is also to be sent to Tilliard to enclose the Company's orders to Captain Gaich, a discharge from the Admiralty for his ship, and four protections for the Surat ships. (½ *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, AUGUST 22, 1673 (*Ibid.*, p. 271).

Letters are read from Captain Munden and several of the commanders of the Coast ships, dated at Kinsale the 15th instant, also one from Captain Limbery, commander of the *Experiment*, dated in Batavia January 6, 1673. On reading a letter from Lord Arlington signifying His Majesty's pleasure that the Company should renew their orders to their respective Governors in the East Indies to assist the French East India Company, the Court issue directions for letters to be written to the President and Council at Surat, and to the Agent and Council at Fort St. George to this effect; the said letters are prepared and approved, also a letter to Lord Arlington in which they are to be enclosed. The *Advice* to remain at Plymouth until further order. Letters to be prepared to be sent overland to Surat to advise the President and Council of the arrival of the Coast ships under the convoy of Captain Munden, of the retaking of St. Helena, and the capture of three Dutch East India ships off that island by Captain Munden's squadron, and to direct them to tell all commanders to be very cautious (unless they are in company together) how they touch at the island, as it is not known what further attempts the Dutch may make against it. (1 *p.*)

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ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS TO THE PLENIPOTENTIARIES AT COLOGNE, WHITEHALL, AUGUST 22, 1673 (*Public Record Office: S.P. Foreign Entry Book*, vol. lxiv, p. 120).

. . . Whereas We did by Our respective letters bearing date the 9th of June and the 28th day of July last, direct and require you to insist, that in the treaty which shall be made with the States-General of the United Provinces it be provided for, that all losses and damages which the English and Dutch East India Companies have or should sustain by or from the other respectively, in any parts or places within the limits of their respective charters, since the peace concluded at Breda, 1667, shall be satisfied and made good unto the Company that have suffered the same by the other Company who have done them the damage. And also upon the mutual restitution of places taken or which might be taken before the conclusion of peace, from each Company respectively, and especially that the island of St. Helena, and Fort St. George should be restored to Our East India Company in as good a condition as they were when taken. And whereas We have now received certain information that Our said East India Company have received little or no damage either by the loss of ships, goods, or places, and that on the contrary it has pleased God to bless Our arms so far, that We have not only retaken the island of St. Helena, but also made considerable prizes of ships belonging to the Dutch East India Company infinitely exceeding what they can in any wise have taken from Our subjects, We have therefore thought fit to signify Our pleasure to you, and accordingly Our will and pleasure is, that you do only insist upon the mutual restitution of places in general in the East Indies, but not upon a reciprocal satisfaction of other losses, or damages sustained by either Company respectively, and absolutely refuse and reject any such proposition, if made to you by the Deputies or Plenipotentiaries of the said States-General, notwithstanding Our said letters of the 9th of June and anything contained in those of the 28th of July last. . . . By His Majesty's command. *Signed* Arlington.

JAMES HICKES TO SIR JOSEPH WILLIAMSON, AUGUST 22, 1673 (*Public Record Office: S.P. Dom., Car.* II. 336, no. 277).

. . . To-day's letters from Dublin of the 18th and letters from Kinsale of the 15th relate that the 15th came in four men-of-war and one fireship . . . and East India ships of ours with them, Captain Fisher in the *Berkeley Castle*, Captain Bendell in the *John*, Captain Goodlad in the

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Loyal Subject, Captain Baker in the *Barnardiston*, and Captain Mariner in the *Rebecca*, and East India prizes taken at St. Helena, the *Alphen*, *Europe*, and the *Free Arms of Friezland* (*sic.*), all laden with pepper, saltpetre, calico, and silks. . . .

THE COMPANY TO LORD ARLINGTON, AUGUST 23, 1673 (*Public Record Office: C.O. 77*, vol. xii, f. 272).

According to His Lordship's command they send their letters to their President at Surat and to their Agent at the Fort, in favour of the French. They have in several former letters recommended the same, and have heard from them that they have on all occasions acted according to these orders, 'although the French have not been so candid towards us'. For, at Surat the French insisted that the English ships should strike to theirs, which the President 'fairly avoided'. And by their last letters from Fort St. George they have received advice that the French General has seized two boats laden for account of the English, and the *Ruby* with her lading, belonging to Mr. Jearsey, one of the Company's factors, and refused to restore them, notwithstanding the request of the Agent. They therefore pray that His Lordship will obtain letters to the French officers desiring them to give no occasion for future differences, and to restore the ship and goods taken, that so the desired amity may be preserved entire on their parts, as it shall be by the Company. *Signed* Nathaniel Herne, Deputy. (½ *p.*)

A MEETING OF THE COMMITTEES, AUGUST 25, 1673 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 272).

Captain Wildy offers the *Phoenix* for service; hereupon order is given for the Shipping Committee to treat with her owners and with the owners of other vessels, ascertain on what terms they will undertake a voyage to India, touching at some port by the way, also what terms were given to the last ten ships, and to others before them. (½ *p.*)

THE COMPANY TO ROBERT LANG AND COMPANY [AT MARSEILLES], AUGUST 25, 1673 (*Letter Book*, vol. v, p. 64).

Their last was dated the 11th instant accompanied by a packet for Consul Nightingale; they now send another and pray that it may be forwarded by the first opportunity. (½ *p.*)

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THE COMPANY TO CONSUL NIGHTINGALE [AT ALEPPO], AUGUST 25, 1673 (*Letter Book*, vol. v, p. 64).

Wrote to him on the 11th instant and enclosed a small packet directed to the President and Council at Surat; they now send another to be dispatched by express to them. Five of their ships, the *Berkeley Castle*, *Johanna*,[1] *Loyal Subject*, *Barnardiston*, and *Rebecca*, have arrived at Kinsale from the Coast of Coromandel in company with four of the King's men-of-war, who left London in January for St. Helena and have retaken that island from the Dutch; they have also taken three Dutch East India ships and brought them to Kinsale. (¼ *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, AUGUST 27, 1673 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, *p.* 273).

Mrs. Limbery and Mrs. Colliar requesting that some effectual means may be taken for the release of their husbands now prisoners in Batavia, the Governor and Deputy are desired to present an address to the King concerning them, and all other English that are or shall be taken prisoners. Certain proposals from the commanders of the *Mary*, *Phoenix*, and *Expectation* are read, stating the terms of the respective owners for letting the said ships to freight in the Company's service, but these being thought unreasonable they are returned. The Shipping Committee to consider and report what freight should be allowed this ensuing year, also what other conditions should be insisted upon between the Company and owners; they are likewise, with the help of the Plantations Committee, to report whether in their opinion it is advisable to transport a supply of victuals and other provisions necessary for St. Helena in ships to be engaged expressly for that purpose, or in the same ship in which a cargo and provisions are to be sent to Bombay; and what is fit to be sent to the latter place. Captain Nanfan offers the *Lancaster* for service, and refers himself to the Company as to terms; the Shipping Committee are desired to treat with him if occasion arise. The accounts of Thomas Clarke and Thomas Heyward to be examined. Orders made at the meeting of the Committees on the 25th instant are now confirmed. (1¾ *pp.*)

[1] *John* or *Johanna* (cp. p. 258).

[2] Among the warrants are two 'to be made paid in cash', one for 53*l.* 15*s.*, the other for 7*l.* 10*s.* 6*d.*

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THE COMPANY'S MEMORIAL TO THE KING TOUCHING PRISONERS, AUGUST 27, 1673 (*Public Record Office: C.O. 77*, vol. xii, f. 275).[1]

They humbly pray that as His Majesty has been graciously pleased to discharge the prisoners in the Dutch East India prize, the *Papenburgh*, he will vouchsafe to recommend it to His Highness the Prince of Orange and to the States of Holland to give effectual orders to their East India Company for the speedy discharge of Captain William Limbery, Captain Jonas Collier, the officers and seamen in the *Experiment* and *Hannibal*, and all others in the English Company's service who are or shall be taken prisoners, and for a passport to be obtained for the *Mary* to go from hence to fetch them away. And, if it be desired, that His Majesty will be pleased to grant a similar passport to the Dutch. They also pray for leave to write to the Dutch Company, who have the management of the Dutch affairs in the Indies, to procure their orders for the effectual discharge of the said prisoners. (½ *p.*)

THE KING TO THE EAST INDIA COMPANY, AUGUST 28, 1673 (*Public Record Office: S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 31, *f.* 115).

Whereas a debt of 270*l.* due to the Crown by Sir Gervas Lucas, late Governor of the Island of Bombay, was after his death recovered by his successor, Henry Gary, and paid by him into the Company's cash at the delivering over of the said island, and still remains in their hands, requiring them to pay the same to Theodore Randu or his assigns as a free gift from the King.

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, AUGUST 29, 1673 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 274).

A proposal made by Thomas Papillon is referred for consideration. John Farringdon is admitted to the freedom by redemption. Mary Harper, who came from St. Helena and is in great distress, is given 40*s.* from the poor-box. Certain of the Committees to meet the Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs and confer touching articles to be agreed on between His Majesty and the Company about the sale and disposal of the Dutch prize, the *Papenburgh*. The King having consented to the Company corresponding with the Dutch East India Company in Holland about the release of the prisoners at Batavia, a letter is to be prepared accordingly. The accounts to be stated of the following persons: John Walls, John Coltston, James Easton, and

[1] See also *Home Misc.*, vol. xlii, p. 246.

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Nicholas Turner. David Clarke's bill to be examined, also the bill of Richardson, the printer. A ship to be dispatched at once with victuals, provisions, and planters to St. Helena, the Shipping Committee to freight one on purpose or take up tonnage for transportation of the same whichever shall be most advantageous to the Company. A report from the Committee for Private Trade touching the account of Captain John Privet is read and approved. A copy of the Company's last letter to the President and Council at Surat to be sent by the next post, with directions for the release of the Dutch prisoners taken in the *Mayboom*, or of any others that shall fall into their hands. Certain Committees to ascertain if Mr. Russel is fit for the service to which he is to be appointed, the grounds of the complaint against him, and his proposed security. (1½ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, AUGUST 29, 1673 (AFTERNOON) (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 276).

A letter to the Dutch East India Company is read and approved. Captain Brookhaven to visit the master of the Dutch prize and ascertain his condition. Payment to be made to Mary Hart. (½ *p.*)

THE COMPANY TO CONSUL NIGHTINGALE [AT ALEPPO], SEPTEMBER 1, 1673 (*Letter Book*, vol. v, p. 65).

Send a packet for their President and Council at Surat and desire it may be forwarded by express. (⅛ *p.*)

THE COMPANY TO ROBERT LANG AND COMPANY [AT MARSEILLES], SEPTEMBER 1, 1673 (*Ibid.*, p. 65).

Send a packet to be forwarded to Consul Nightingale by the first opportunity. (⅛ *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, SEPTEMBER 3, 1673 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 277).

On information that Mr. Temple has taken from Mrs. Knowles the ground adjoining the Company's warehouse at Leadenhall, with the intention of building stables there, which may prove dangerous to the Company, as well as to the City, in case of any accident by fire; two of the Committees are desired to approach the Committee for the City Lands that some effectual means may be taken to restrain any such building on that ground. Ordered that 20*l.* 'be made paid in cash', being

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so much disbursed for relief of the Dutch skipper and other prisoners belonging to the *Papenburgh*, and placed to His Majesty's account. William Rivet is admitted to the freedom by redemption, and the Honourable Charles Bertie is admitted gratis. The *Advice* remaining at Plymouth in expectation of orders, and it being necessary to send seasonable supplies to St. Helena and Bombay, the Court, judging it fit to take stock of the Company's affairs in order that they may resolve how to manage their trade in the Indies this next year, desire the Committees for Writing Letters and for Shipping and Plantations, or any five of them, to consider all this, and especially the number of ships, what cargo, and of what value, it is necessary to provide for export this next year to the respective factories, also the quantity of provisions, planters, and soldiers that should be dispatched to the said islands. They are likewise to consider what goods, their quantity and quality, should be set up for sale, and when; what elephants teeth should be bought, and anything else that concerns the Company's affairs in general; and send in a written report of their opinions. All members of this Court to be present at the debate of the said Committees, and secrecy to be strictly enjoined. (1½ *pp.*)

THE COMPANY TO THE DIRECTORS OF THE NETHERLANDS EAST INDIA COMPANY AT AMSTERDAM, SEPTEMBER 4, 1673 (*Letter Book*, vol. v, p. 65).

To acquaint them that when the *Papenburgh* was brought in they prayed His Majesty that all prisoners taken in her might be released. This was granted, and the Company directed their officer to visit and relieve all who were sick. They have also ordered their President and Chiefs in India to discharge all Dutch prisoners taken in the *Mayboom*, also any others who may fall into their hands, and will continue to apply to the King for the release of all Dutchmen taken during this war and doubt not of success. They desire and expect reciprocal kindness in the discharge of all English prisoners taken in the *Hannibal* and *Experiment*, and of all English taken prisoners during this war, for which purpose they request that an order to this effect may be sent with all speed to the General and Council at Batavia and to the other Dutch factories in the Indies. The prisoners at Batavia are so numerous that a ship must be dispatched to fetch them, therefore the Company desire a passport for a vessel to go and return in safety, and if the Dutch wish for a like passport it shall be given to them. (¾ *p.*)

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A COURT OF COMMITTEES, SEPTEMBER 5, 1673 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 278).

Richard Foote is admitted to the freedom by redemption. The request of Robert Maisters concerning some piece-goods he bought at the last sale with Mr. Lewes is referred to certain Committees. Dutch papers, translated for the Company by Mr. Oldenburgh, to be examined in order to ascertain what should be paid to him for his work. The draft of the letters patents and the articles of agreement touching the sale and disposal of the *Papenburgh* received from Sir Robert Southwell are read, and referred to the Committee for Lawsuits. Payment, according to reports now read, to be made to George Willoughby, and to Thomas Clarke. The account of Moses to be examined. (1¾ *pp.*)

JAMES HICKES TO SIR JOSEPH WILLIAMSON, SEPTEMBER 5, 1673 (*Public Record Office: S.P. Dom., Car.* II. 337, no. 12).

. . . I hope mine of the 22nd came to hand, giving an account of Captain Munday's[1] taking St. Helena and three Dutch East India ships, and bringing five East India ships of our own into Kinsale, August 15 or 16. To-day our letters from Kinsale of the 22nd say the whole fleet there, consisting of five men-of-war and one fireship, nine East India ships of our own, and the three Dutch prizes, and at least 30 merchant ships besides, bound homewards, having stayed there so long, at length be blessed with a good wind to bring them to our desired harbours without interruption. . . .

A MEETING OF THE COMMITTEES, SEPTEMBER 8, 1673 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 280).

A letter from Lord Arlington is read touching Grocers Hall being named to His Majesty as a suitable place for warehousing the prize goods; to this an answer is drawn up and approved. A draft of the articles drawn up by Moses for the sale and disposal of the said goods is read, agreed to, and order given for it to be transcribed and delivered to Sir Robert Southwell. (½ *p.*)

TREASURER LATIMER TO THE CUSTOMS COMMISSIONERS, SEPTEMBER 8, 1673 (*Public Record Office: Warrants not relating to money*, iv, p. 18).

To deliver, customs free, to Sir Thomas Chicheley, the Master of the Ordnance, all the saltpetre lately imported in the East India prize ship *Papenburgh*.

[1] Captain Richard Munden's.

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THE KING TO THE PRINCE OF ORANGE, SEPTEMBER 9, 1673 (*Public Record Office: S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 31, *f.* 116).

The East India Company having represented that the Dutch East India Company detain as prisoners Captains William Limbry and Jonas Collier and the officers and seamen of the *Experiment* and *Hannibal* and several others, who were in the said Company's service, and orders having been given for the discharge of all Dutch prisoners taken by the King's or other English ships, and particularly of the officers and men of the *Papenburgh*, requesting him to interpose with the Dutch East India Company for the discharge of the above-mentioned prisoners and of all other prisoners taken in the English Company's service, and that some English vessel may have a passport to go to the East Indies to fetch away the prisoners, promising on the like occasion to gratify the Dutch East India Company in the same manner if they desire it.

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, SEPTEMBER 10, 1673 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 280).

'A letter from Sir Robert Southwell is read stating that the Lords Commissioners have appointed this afternoon to consider the articles touching the Company's sale and disposal of the prize goods; hereupon certain of the Committees are desired to attend Their Lordships at that time. The Husband to deliver the *Papenburgh* with the copper and saltpetre in her to the Sub-Commissioners for prize goods, in accordance with directions given. The Court order that all matters relating to the sale of His Majesty's prize goods be kept in books separate from those of the Company. Mr. Oldenburgh to be paid ten guineas for translating several Dutch papers sent by Sir Joseph Williamson. A report is read from the Shipping Committee concerning the allowance to be made to the owners of seven ships for their stay in the West Country, and referred for further consideration. A report to be made touching Mr. Russel, the *Surat Merchant*, and the passengers who came in her. The request of Mr. Strange for allowance for some piece-goods which he bought at the last sale, and which cannot now be found is referred for examination. Colonel Whitley stating that the sifting of pepper in Crosby House is a great annoyance to the officers of the Posthouse, the Committees for Mr. Aston's warehouse to consider

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what can be done in the matter; they are also directed to see that shutters are made to the grates belonging to the cellars to prevent any accident by fire. (1¾ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, SEPTEMBER 12, 1673 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 282).

Certain of the Committees are desired to meet the Commissioners of the Customs and Sir Robert Southwell to-morrow afternoon, to consider the articles touching the Dutch prizes. Order is given for the commanders of the nine ships returned from Surat, the Coast, and Bay, to send up at once by the Husband to the Company's house the diamonds, jewels, and other fine goods on board their ships, each commander to appoint some person to see them delivered to Robert Hubbold, Cashier-General, who is to give a receipt for the same. Directions to be given to the Cashier-General and to the Accountant as to the title to be given the books to be kept for His Majesty's prize goods. (1 *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, SEPTEMBER 12, 1673 (AFTERNOON) (*Ibid.*, p. 283).

A letter is read from Tilliard dated the 10th instant and brought by an express telling of the arrival at Plymouth of the *Anne*, commanded by Captain Abraham Dawes; hereupon order is given for an address to be made to the Lords of the Admiralty for a protection for the said ship's company, and a convoy for her into the Downs, with directions that if the wind should prove contrary she may make for the first convenient port. (½ *p.*)

WILLIAM BRIDGEMAN TO SIR JOSEPH WILLIAMSON, SEPTEMBER 15, 1673 (*Public Record Office: S.P. Dom., Car.* II. 337, no. 35).

. . . We have no other news but the arrival of another East India ship, supposed to have been taken by the Dutch.

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, SEPTEMBER 17, 1673 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 284).

A report from the Shipping Committee stating that they have agreed to hire and freight the *Lancaster* and *Falcon* on terms and conditions now given, is approved, and Captain Prowd is directed to survey the said ships. All members present are enjoined to keep secret what has been said about the disposal of these two ships or anything else con-

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cerning the Company's affairs now under consideration. The Committee for Buying Goods to consider what cargoes shall be provided for the *Lancaster* and *Falcon*. The petition of Mary Wood, whose husband is said to have been lost in the *Happy Entrance*, is referred to Captain Brookhaven, and if it appears true that she is in want, 40*s*. is to be given her from the poor-box. Barbara Clarke, whose husband was boatswain in the *Phoenix*, and was killed during the engagement of that ship with a Dutch privateer, to be given (besides the gratuity already bestowed) a month's pay, as allowed the other mariners in that ship. Mr. Lucas offers the *Advance* for service, and is told that at present there is no need for her, but if such should arise later, he shall be notified. Mr. Lewis, assistant to the Paymaster, to go down the river to-morrow morning to Captain Prowd, taking with him 100*l*. from which he is to satisfy those who have been employed in unloading the *Papenburgh*, according to the Captain's directions. Lewis is to keep an account of what he pays and present to the Court. Resolved to hold a general court of sales on October 21 next, and the Committee for Buying Goods are desired to advise with the Committees of the different warehouses, consider what goods of the Company's shall be then offered, and send in a written report. The Court approve of the agreement made with the Commissioners of Customs to have an additional twelve months for receiving back the half subsidy and additional duty on calicoes and pepper imported since January last, in consideration of the greater quantity of goods they are obliged to keep back and not offer at the next general sale. An order from the Lords Commissioners for Prizes touching the prisoners in the three East India ships lately come from Kinsale, to be delivered to Captain Brookhaven, who is to see to the relief of the said prisoners. (1¼ *pp*.)

A Court of Committees, September 19, 1673 (*Ibid*., p. 285).

An explanation to be desired from Sir Robert Southwell of the order of the Lords Commissioners of Prizes concerning the prisoners taken in the *Alphen*, *Arms of Camphire*,[1] and *Europa*; meanwhile the prisoners are to be relieved according to their necessity. The claim of Mr. Lucas for 50*l*. detained from the freight of the *Zant* because of the loss of a bale of goods, is referred for examination. The Shipping Committee to decide this afternoon whether the supplies for St. Helena shall go

[1] Cp. p. 259.

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in the *Lancaster* and *Falcon* or by some other vessel. The Deputy Governor reports that the Lords Commissioners approve of the prize goods being sold on October 21 next, with the Company's goods. A memorial to be drawn up and presented with the articles of agreement touching the disposal of the prize goods to the Commissioners of Customs according to the sense of the present debate. A report about some dungarees bought by Mr. Masters is read, but referred to the Committees who drew it up to state their opinion as to what is best to be done. The account of Mr. Whitehead, minister in the Bay, to be examined. Payment to be made to Mr. Cade, the stationer, but it being found that some of his goods are bad and priced too high, and the Company's officers wishing to be allowed to buy their stationery where it can be had cheaply, Mr. Cade is to be told that if he cannot supply goods at the same rate as others, then the Company's officers may buy elsewhere. The Committee for Buying Goods to provide the cargoes mentioned in a report now read, and the Treasury Committee to provide the bullion. Mr. Heatley and other owners of the *Phoenix* offer that ship for service on the terms and conditions given to other vessels, and are told that Captain Wildy having refused the Company's offers, other ships have been entertained, still the Court will remember them when there shall be need. (1½ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, SEPTEMBER 22, 1673 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 287).

Letters from the Bay dated December 10, 1672, are read, also the draft of two letters to be sent overland to Surat and Fort St. George, and directions given for a letter to be prepared to send to the Chief and Council in Persia. The diamonds, musk, and other fine goods lately returned from Surat and the Coast to be delivered to their owners. At the request of Mr. Goodier, whose return from India was somewhat sudden and unexpected and gave him no time to bring all his estate with him, to be allowed to receive diamonds and musk to the value of 9,615 rupees, the proceeds of his said estate, permission free, the Court agree to his receiving them on payment of one per cent. permission. A bulse of diamonds, value forty-eight pagodas, to be delivered permission free to Thomas Sprigg, and several parcels of diamonds, musk, and borax to be delivered to their owner, Captain Richard Goodlad, permission free. (1 *p.*)

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A COURT OF COMMITTEES, SEPTEMBER 24, 1673 (*Ibid.*, p. 288).

Mr. Strange to be repaid for some cloth he bought at the last sale but did not receive, and to be allowed 4*l.* for alleged damage. The owners of the *Barnardiston* offering her for further service are told that when the Company have occasion for her their offer shall be remembered; and the owners of the *Loyal Subject*, offering that ship, are given a like answer, and on asking for permission to discharge some of their men to lessen the expense, they are told that no directions can be given as to this, but that the Company expect a sufficient number of men to be retained to secure the ship and her goods from damage. Jane Cole, the dyer's wife, to be paid 10*l.* in part of her husband's salary. Supplies for St. Helena to be sent in some ships bound for Barbadoes, the owners to be agreed with to transport the same on the best terms possible. Permission is given for a parcel of ebony wood belonging to Captain Mariner to be allowed to remain on board the *Rebecca*. Mr. Andrews, on behalf of himself and the other owners, offers seven ships for the Company's service, viz. the *Berkeley Castle*, *Johanna*, *Loyal Merchant*, *Anne*, *Golden Fleece*, *Surat Merchant*, and *Unicorn*, and is told that the Company note the offer and will think of it when they have occasion for vessels. Certain diamonds to be delivered to Captain Arnold Brown, Edward Watts, and other owners of the *American*, and to Mrs. Colborne, on payment of one per cent permission; and two pots of musk to be delivered to Messrs. Gray & Cradock, on payment of two per cent as the former is in the service of the Company. (1½ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, SEPTEMBER 26, 1673 (*Ibid.*, p. 289).

A pot of musk valued at about 500 rupees to be delivered to John Child on payment of two per cent permission, his son who sent it being a factor in the Company's service. The Shipping Committee to direct what provisions, goods, stores, and ammunition they think fit to be sent to St. Helena, to consider everything relating to the resettlement of that island, and report their opinion in writing. A draft of a petition touching St. Helena for presentation to the King to be prepared and presented to the Court. Certain Committees to consider and report on the petition of Henry Powel. A bill of exchange drawn by the Agent and Council of Bantam and payable to Mary Stiles or Thomas Hatton is accepted. A considerable part of the tonnage of the *Johanna* having come home dead freighted, order is given for a survey to be taken of her. Mr. Russel, who assisted Mr. Sambrooke, having

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deserted the Company's service, and Mr. Rouse being nominated to succeed him and also to assist in the Calico Warehouse, information is to be obtained from Sambrook as to the work to be performed, and report made to the Court. Captain Richard Goodlad offers the *Rainbow* on behalf of her owners for further service, and is told that the Company will think of her when there is occasion. The petition of Thomas Fitch, late purser in the *London*, is referred for report. (1 *p.*)[1]

THE COMPANY TO ROBERT LANG [AT MARSEILLES], SEPTEMBER 29, 1673 (*Letter Book*, vol. v, p. 66).

Send a packet directed to Consul Nightingale and desire it may be forwarded by the first opportunity. (⅜ *p.*)

THE COMPANY TO CONSUL NIGHTINGALE [AT ALEPPO], SEPTEMBER 29, 1673 (*Ibid.*, p. 66).

Send him a packet to forward immediately by express to their Chief and factors in Persia, and direct that if any particular letters remain with him, he is to keep them and not send them with this packet. (¼ *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, SEPTEMBER 30, 1673 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 290).

Captain Fisher states that the *Berkeley Castle* returned in part dead freighted, and asking for a survey to be taken of her, Captains Brookhaven and Prowd are told to ascertain the want of tonnage in her and report. The *Advice* to be dispatched for Bantam, Tilliard to take out of her the 4,000 dollars and keep them until further order, and all provisions necessary to be supplied for her voyage. The Committee for Writing Letters to prepare three, one to the Agent and Council at Bantam, one to Captain Limbery, and a third to the Commander of the *Advice*. The draft of a petition from the Company to the King touching St. Helena is read; it is to the following effect: St. Helena having been granted by His Majesty to the Company, they planted and fortified it for a place of refreshment for their ships homeward-bound from India. But the said island having been surprised by the Dutch in the beginning of January last, and retaken by the King's forces under Captain Richard Munden, the latter left there a Governor and 200 soldiers with orders to follow what further directions should be given by His Majesty. The Company therefore humbly beg to know whether the said island, with the Governor and soldiers, is to be continued in the possession and

[1] Among the warrants is one for 10*l.* 15*s.* 'made paid in cash'.

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service of the King, or whether it is His Majesty's pleasure that the Company shall again possess it, that directions may be given to those upon the island accordingly. The petition is approved and the Deputy Governor desired to present it. (1 *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, OCTOBER 1, 1673 (*Ibid.*, p. 291).

The Deputy Governor reports that upon the Company's petition presented to the King, His Majesty was graciously pleased to declare that St. Helena is to be continued to the Company as formerly, that they are to take care supplies are sent thither, and provision made for securing the island from again falling into the hands of the enemy, and that Lord Arlington shall give orders accordingly. Dutch Books and papers, lately sent by the Lords Commissioners for Prizes to the Company, are referred to certain Committees to read and consider which to keep and which may be returned. Robert Hubbold to be given a gratuity of 50*l.* over and above his year's salary. Henry Rouse to be entertained as assistant to Sambrooke, both as Writer of letters and Keeper of the Calico Warehouse, also to attend the Committee for Lawsuits and Debts, for which services he is to be paid 50*l.* a year, Sambrook to be consulted touching his security. John Russel to be discharged from the Company's service. (¾ *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, OCTOBER 1, 1673 (AFTERNOON) (*Ibid.*, p. 292).

The Shipping Committee to consider what gratuities should be given to the commanders of His Majesty's men-of-war who have acted as convoys to the Company's shipping arrived this year from India, and send in a written report. A parcel of diamonds and ambergris to the value of 2,280 rupees to be delivered to Samuel Sambrook, Junior, on payment of one per cent permission. Ambergris to be delivered, free of permission, to Captain Robert Fisher for himself and his purser, some musk to William Clough, purser in the *Loyal Merchant*, and a small parcel of diamond bort to the Secretary, these also to be delivered free of permission. (1 *p.*)[1]

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, OCTOBER 3, 1673 (*Ibid.*, p. 293).

Captain Richard Goodlad is accepted as commander of the *Lancaster*,

[1] Among the warrants is one 'to be made paid in cash' for 23*l.* 13*s.* 7*d.*, four, each for 100*l.*, and one for 200*l.*

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that ship being entertained for the Company's service. John Russel to be paid 10*l.*, his quarter's salary due last Michaelmas. The owners of the *Barnardiston* to be paid 3,000*l.* in part of her freight and demurrage. Upon a report now read, order is given for Francis Nelthorp to be paid his full salary, and given 50*l.* as a gratuity for his sufferings in the Siam voyage. The salary of Abel Payne, a factor at Bantam, to be increased to 30*l.* per annum, to begin from the arrival of the *Advice* at Bantam. The account of Streinsham Masters to be reported. A report is read from the Shipping and Plantations Committee to the following effect: That it is necessary to send a new Governor to St. Helena, and that Colonel Thomas Talbot be proposed for the post; that Captain William [*sic*] Beale be sent there as Husband for the Company's stores and magazine, and his advice taken as to which of the old planters are fit to return to the island; that for the encouragement of those planters who return, they may be appointed to receive and settle themselves upon their old land and habitations, according to the rules of the Company at their first settlement there, and have liberty to receive from the Company's magazine nine months provision of victuals free, if their own plantations cannot maintain them, also that they, their children and servants may have free passage to the island; that from the stock which shall be found on the island two cows shall be given to each family of the old as well as of the new planters, and all the latter shall be encouraged with the above privileges. All artificers as bricklayers, masons, carpenters, coopers, smiths, etc., to be entertained and encouraged to go to the island, with allowance of tools freely given to them for their several works and professions. That land and stock shall be declared to be given to the planters and to their heirs for ever, and each plantation may be registered and conveyed to them and to their heirs under the Company's seal according to such rules and conditions as the Company shall appoint. The above report is approved, with the exception of the first clause (touching a new Governor), and referred back to the Committee to make such rules for settling lands on the planters and their heirs as shall be found necessary, also to consult Moses about the form of conveyance to be used, and speak to Captain Munden touching the qualification of Captain Fielding, the present Deputy Governor of the island. The Shipping Committee report that they have agreed with the owners of the *European* to go to St. Helena, take 100 passengers at 6*l.* per head, each one to take a chest for clothes and provisions freight free, as is usual for the Plantations; the passengers to be paid for on leaving the Downs, and

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the freight upon certificate of the delivery of the goods at the island; of this the Court also approve. Major Thomson to be allowed to ship out 5 cwt. of cochineal for account of President Aungier, freight free, he having informed the Court that it is a commodity that will turn to account. The Surat Committee to read the last advices touching the supply of writers desired by the President and Council, and report whether in their opinion it is needful to send out any more at present. A parcel of diamonds returned in the *Berkeley Castle* to be delivered, on payment of two per cent permission, to Ann Elford, they having been sent to her by Mr. Hymners, a factor in the Company's service. A small parcel of bezoar to be delivered permission free to Eliza Ripley. The petition of John Allen and others employed in the Portuguese vessel from Brazil is referred to the Shipping Committee, who are to pay and give them what gratuity they deem fit. Certain Committees to read Mr. Hill's letters of adminstration and, on his paying the balance due on Captain Privet's account, to order delivery of the goods belonging to the said captain. (2½ *pp.*)

THE COMPANY TO THE DIRECTORS OF THE NETHERLANDS EAST INDIA COMPANY [AT AMSTERDAM], OCTOBER 4, 1673 (*Letter Book*, vol. v, p. 74).

Acknowledge their letter of the 27th ult. stating their readiness to comply with the proposals for the mutual discharge of all prisoners taken during this war by either Company. Have duplicated their letters for discharge of all the Dutch taken in India, and are informed by their commanders, who have just arrived, that those taken in the *Mayboom* were immediately set free with all goods, money, jewels, or what else belonged to them. They have also released all who were taken by His Majesty's ships at St. Helena, or in the four Dutch ships. Desire a speedy order for reciprocal treatment to all English taken. Have received no answer to their request for a passport for a ship to fetch away English prisoners from the Indies. Regarding the desire of the Dutch Company about the books taken, these were in ships seized by the King's men-of-war, and are in the custody of His Majesty's officers. But all private letters in the *Papenburgh* were delivered to the Company with permission to dispatch them according as they were directed, so these were posted, but the books of accounts being too bulky have been kept until it is known to whom they are to be delivered or how sent. Will continue their endeavours to obtain permission to dispatch anything more that may be in the other ships. (½ *p.*)

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A MEETING OF THE COMMITTEES, OCTOBER 6, 1673 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 296).

The Deputy Governor tells of a letter received from Sir Robert Southwell (now read), in which it is stated that the Lords Commissioners of Prizes have examined the draft of a commission prepared by the Attorney-General and approve of the same, but before it is presented for His Majesty to sign Their Lordships think that the Company should read it. After considering the said commission, and taking the advice of Moses, the Committees also approve and give order for it to be returned to Sir Robert Southwell this evening, with desire that the amendment and addition now mentioned may be made, viz.: In the 6th Article instead of the words 'as great' to make 'a great', and in the 7th Article at the close to add, 'after the first day of April and not before.' (½ *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, OCTOBER 8, 1673 (*Ibid.*, p. 297).

The proceedings of the Committees at their meeting of the 6th instant are confirmed. The Court resolve to elect an assistant to the Auditor next Wednesday. A bill of exchange drawn by the Agent and Council at Bantam and payable to Mrs. Hide is accepted, but before the money is paid Moses is to be consulted. The petition of Mary Sell, and the account of the late Nathaniel Brigs, minister, to be examined and reported. The Committee for Shipping and Plantations to prepare some rules for such women as shall be allowed to go to Bombay in accordance with the desire of the President and Council of Surat. Certain of the Committees to consider and report what salaries are fit to be given to the First, Second, and Third employed in the chief factories in the Indies, and to the Chiefs in the subordinate factories, also to factors and writers from the expiration of the five years mentioned in their covenants; what part shall be paid to them in India towards their maintenance, and anything else that may tend to the encourgement of those who are found to be industrious and deserving in the Company's service. A gratuity of four guineas to be given to Richard Blome for a book called 'Britania' which he presented this day to the Company. The owners of the *Mediterranean* to be paid 2,400*l.* in part of her freight and demurrage. A minister to be chosen and sent to St. Helena, who shall be allowed a salary of 50*l.* a year for preaching and catechizing, 25*l.* a year for teaching such children as are on the island, and an accommodation for planting like the other inhabitants. A large bible with a 'Comment' to be provided and sent to Bombay. The account of John

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Bennet to be examined and reported. A pot of ambergris to be delivered free to Captain William Goodlad, commander of the *Loyal Subject*, it being for his own account. (1½ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, OCTOBER 10, 1673 (*Ibid.*, p. 298).

The Committees for the several warehouses to ascertain from Messrs. Sambrook, Aston, and Papillon when the Company's goods will be ready for sale and to publish their quantity. The account of the late Thomas Jones, factor, to be examined. The Commander of the *Advice* to be ordered to stay at Plymouth until further notice, and a letter to be drawn up to the Chief and Council in the Bay, in accordance with the present debate. Mr. Yorke is nominated as chaplain for St. Helena, and certain Committees are desired to inquire of Dr. Tillotson[1] and Mr. Hayes as to his qualifications. The owners of the *Rebecca* to be paid on account of her freight and demurrage. Captains Broakhaven and Prowd to ascertain from Captain Munden what persons were slain aboard the ships under his command at the retaking of St. Helena, their quality and condition, and how they behaved in that action. Musk brought back in the *Johanna* to be delivered free to Captain Bendal, it being for his own account. The Shipping Committee to prosecute William Hinton for three months imprest money he received when shipped as carpenter's mate in the *Advice*, he having deserted. The account of George Markham and the petition of Anne Deverson to be examined and reported. The two first particulars of Jeremy Sambrook's paper now read are referred to certain Committees to report their opinion what is fit to be done in the matter. Mr. Sowton to be paid and his bonds and security delivered up. The account of the late Thomas Wynn to be reported. The desires of Captain Wiltshire are referred to certain Committees, who are to report what they think should be done concerning them. Payment to be made to Captain Robert Metford. Order is given for a particular register to be kept of all orders and rules made for St. Helena. Consideration to be had and report made as to what alteration is fit to be made for the better accommodation of buyers in the Hall where the Court of Sales is held. A petition is read from John Allen, John Catneys, Edward Major, and Thomas Kennington, who were employed in the Portuguese ship that waited as an adviser off St. Helena, and the Court direct that 10*l.* be

[1] Dean of Canterbury; afterwards Dean of St. Paul's and, later, Archbishop of Canterbury.

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distributed amongst them in addition to what they have already received. Upon report of the good abilities and qualifications of Captain Richard Fielder, [*sic*] who is now in command of a Foot Company at St. Helena, he is chosen as Governor of that island, but consideration as to his salary is deferred. Captain Anthony Beale is approved of as Husband of the Company's stores there, and also as muster-master at 50*l.* a year, and other allowances in accordance with a report now read; in this the Committees opine that Fielder be appointed Governor of St. Helena at a salary of 100*l.* per annum, with accommodation in the plantation for his encouragement; and that Beale be appointed Husband and muster-master for the soldiers, to keep their accounts, at a salary of 50*l.* per annum, and be allowed fifty acres of land, rough and smooth, three milch cows, two negroes, and accommodation out of the Company's plantation until his own supplies him. (*2 pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, OCTOBER 15, 1673 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 301).

A letter from Sir Robert Southwell is read, in which, by order of the Lords Commissioners for Prizes, he announces that the King has empowered Their Lordships to sell and dispose of the goods in the four East India prizes to Mr. Nelthorp and his partners, but the Company are desired to keep the said goods in their possession and under their care till further order. Their Lordships also wish to know what the Company have disbursed on account of the prizes, and what recompense is fit to be given to the officers employed in the said vessels. Hereupon certain Committees are directed to prepare an account of these expenses, noting the demurrage of the Company's ships occasioned by unlading the said prizes, draw up an estimate of the recompense to be given to the Company's officers, and report. Sambrook to deliver to Captain Munden a list of all calicoes and silk in the three Dutch prizes taken off St. Helena, with particulars of what was landed out of them. Certain Committees to pay the six pilots who went in the King's ships to St. Helena the wages due to them, and receive back the instruments delivered to be used by them in that voyage. Captain Richard Fielder [*sic*] is elected Governor of St. Helena at a salary of 50*l.* a year with an annual gratuity of 50*l.* to begin from the time he was left on the island as Deputy Governor by Captain Munden. Ion Kenn is elected assistant to the Auditor, in the room of the late Caleb Tyrlington, at a salary of 40*l.* per annum. The accounts of the late Nathaniel Briggs,

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minister, and of John Hopkins to be examined and reported. Captain Dawes complains of dead freight in the *Ann* and requests that a survey may be taken of her; order is given for this to be done. Payment to be made to Edward Briggs, father and administrator of the late Nathaniel Briggs. (1½ *pp.*)[1]

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, OCTOBER 15, 1673 (AFTERNOON) (*Ibid.*, p. 302).

The Committees for the Calico Warehouse to report what sorts and quantities of calicoes and taffetas, and out of which ships, are suitable for sale and when they can be ready; and the Committees for Papillon's warehouse to do the same. The following peppers to be offered for sale: all black pepper brought home in the *Advance*, *Expectation*, and *Mary*; Malabar pepper returned in the *Golden Fleece* and *Rainbow*; pepper from Biliapatam returned in the *Mediterranean*; white pepper returned in the *Satisfaction* and the *Advance*. Mrs. Wilcox with her four daughters and a maid to be permitted to take passage for Bombay at the Company's charge as her husband is 'in an eminent employment in the Company's service'. (¾ *p.*)[2]

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, OCTOBER 17, 1673 (*Ibid.*, p. 303).

A report is read in which it is stated that 265,774 pieces of calico, with quilts, taffetas, and silk mentioned, are fit for sale, the Court approve and leave it to the Committees who drew up the report to add such other sorts of calico as they deem meet, but not to exceed 300,000 pieces in all. A list of goods from Papillon's warehouse is also read, these too will be ready for the sale; they are approved of, and the Court resolve to add 4,000 bags of Pattana petre, 400 bags of cowries, and 50 tons of red earth to the said list. Ion Kenn is sworn as assistant to the Auditor. Consideration to be had how to dispose of the *Advice Pinnace* at Plymouth; but should it be judged necessary to send her to the Bay letters and instructions are to be prepared accordingly. (½ *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, OCTOBER 20, 1673 (*Ibid.*, p. 304).

Sir Charles Littleton and His Majesty's other Sub-Commissioners for Prizes, with Mr. Nelthorp, present an order from the Lords Commissioners for Prizes touching the goods landed from the four Dutch ships,

[1] Among the warrants is one signed for 4*l.* 6*s.* and one for 100*l.*, both 'to be made paid in cash'.

[2] Among the warrants signed is one for 200*l.* 'to be made paid in cash'.

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now in the Company's possession, and desire permission to execute it. The Court, after consideration of their request and of a letter received from Their Lordships to the Governor and Deputy, now read, reply that the required directions shall be given to the Company's officers, but if agreeable to their Lordships, the Court desire that all the goods may be delivered to the Sub-Commissioners by weight and tale, as they were received, and that Committees shall attend Their Lordships concerning the adjustment of allowances to be made on the said goods. The Sub-Commissioners report that the Company's officers have knocked off some padlocks put on the warehouse doors in the African House; upon this Sambrook is questioned and says that he found a padlock hung on the wicket of the outer door of the said House and caused it to be taken off when he came to set the watch for guard of the warehouses, but the other locks were still there. At the request of Mr. Nelthorp, he is given a copy of the Company's discounts at the two last sales. The respective warehousekeepers are directed to proceed with sifting and garbling the pepper and indigo belonging to the King; they are also told to allow Mr. Nelthorp, his partners, and some of the Sub-Commissioners to go into the warehouses and cellars, set apart what quantities of goods they desire, and adjust the allowances usual in the Company's sales; of all which the Sub-Commissioners are to inform Their Lordships, who will order payment of the money due on the goods before delivery, and on their delivery to Mr. Nelthorp and his partners, the Sub-Commissioners are to give the Company a receipt. The Court agree upon an answer to be returned to the letter of the 16th instant from the Lords Commissioners 'which is entered in the King's book'. Resolved to send the *Advice Pinnace* direct to the Bay, and that letters to the Chief and Council there be prepared accordingly. (1¼ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, OCTOBER 22, 1673 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 305).

George Margetts to be paid for a new cable in lieu of one supplied by Captain Wildie to the *London*; this to be put to the said ship's account. The petition of Sarah Camel is referred for consideration. Damaged turmerick returned in the *Rebecca* to be delivered to her owners, and damaged coffee returned in the *Mediterranean* to be delivered to the owners of that ship. Payment to be made to Peter Heywood. The request of Captain Munden concerning three chests of goods in the Company's warehouse is referred to the Committee for Private Trade. A

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letter to the Deputy Governor from Sir Robert Southwell is read, and an answer to it agreed upon. Mr. Davison to report what he thinks should be done with a paper of medicines left by Mr. Stalworthy at St. Helena. The account of James Walcot to be reported. Certain Committees to consider the wishes of Benjamin Shute touching some chintz he alleges to be damaged, and do what they think best in the matter. (1 *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, OCTOBER 23, 1673 (*Ibid.*, p. 306).

The Deputy Governor announces a proposal made by the King, viz.: that the Company shall have the prize goods from the four ships if they will give 33,700*l.* more than the price mentioned in the Privy Seal to Mr. Nelthorp; that this was intimated to him by Sir Robert Southwell late last night, and that His Majesty expects an answer this day. After consideration the Court agree upon an answer to be written to Sir Robert (which is entered in the King's book, p. 51) and desire certain Committees to accompany the Deputy Governor to Whitehall to wait on His Majesty touching the said proposal. (½ *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, OCTOBER 23, 1673 (AFTERNOON) (*Ibid.*, p. 307).

A postscript, to be added to the letter written in the morning to Sir Robert Southwell, is agreed upon, and entered in the King's book, p. 51. (¼ *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, OCTOBER 24, 1673 (*Ibid.*, p. 307).

The Deputy Governor announces that the answer to Sir Robert Southwell was read yesterday to the King, who was pleased to signify his pleasure for the Company to have the prize goods on paying 33,700*l.* more than mentioned in Mr. Nelthorp's contract, and in the manner following: 50,000*l.* to be paid next Thursday, 50,000*l.* more on the following Thursday, and the remainder on November 13 next. Hereupon order is given for the Treasury Committee to be desired to provide the said money accordingly. Order is also to be given for the speedy sifting of the pepper and garbling of indigo, that these may be ready, with all other goods from the warehouses, for sale and for the tares to be adjusted, and whatever else is necessary for quick dispatch of the business. The following sorts of pepper to be set up for sale: pepper returned in the *Advance* and *Expectation*, Malabar pepper

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returned in the *Golden Fleece* and *Rainbow*, Billiapatam pepper returned in the *Mediterranean*, and white pepper returned in the *Satisfaction* and *Advance*. Resolved that a general court of sales be held on November 3 next. All calicoes for sale to be priced not lower than the last were valued at, and as speedily as possible. No more writers for India to be entertained this year. Payment to be made to James Hopkins, and the account of Samuel Tutchin to be reported. Charles Aston is admitted to the freedom gratis. Several pieces of calico and other things sent to Mrs. Mohun by her husband to be delivered free of fine. (1½ *pp.*)

A GENERAL COURT, OCTOBER 24, 1673 (AFTERNOON) (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 309).

The Deputy Governor acquaints the generality that in accordance with their order of August 18 last for sale and disposal of the King's prize goods taken in the *Papenburgh*, the Committees applied themselves to that business, but while doing so three other Dutch prizes were brought in and committed to their care to be disposed of for His Majesty. Articles of agreement were being prepared to be entered into between the Lords Commissioners for Prizes and the Company, but before these were concluded the King thought fit to dispose of the goods by private contract to Mr. Nelthorp and his partners. This 'having taken air', and it being given out that the goods were sold for less by 33,700*l.* than they would have been offered at by the Company at their sale, the King sent the following proposal to the Governor and Committees, viz.: that if the Company would give 33,700*l.* more for the said goods than Mr. Nelthorp had agreed to, they should have them 'to avoid publique clamour'. The Court replied that they never desired to buy the goods, only to sell them to the best advantage for His Majesty, yet they were willing that he shall have not less than 33,700*l.* more than was offered by Mr. Nelthorp, and, if the goods produce more than that, then His Majesty shall have the advantage, and if less, then the Company will bear the loss. This 'found His Majesty's gracious acceptance', but he insisted on an advance on account of the goods to supply his 'pressing occasions', and to have 50,000*l.* on the 30th instant, 50,000*l.* more on November 6, and the remainder on November 13 next. The Committees who waited on the King said that they would communicate His Majesty's wishes to the generality and did not doubt but that they would agree to them. The Deputy Governor states that the King's proposal came to him very late Tuesday night and an answer

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was required the next morning, so there was no time to call a general court until now, and the Court thought that the answer they gave would be of service to the King and no inconvenience to the Company. After some consideration the generality declare unanimously, by erection of hands, their approval of what had been done, and, the question being put by ballot whether the money should be advanced to His Majesty in the proportions and at the times mentioned, it passed in the affirmative, *nemine contradicente.* (1¼ *pp.*)

INSTRUCTIONS FROM TREASURER LATIMER TO THE CUSTOMS COMMISSIONERS, OCTOBER 24, 1673 (*Public Record Office: Warrants not relating to money* IV, p. 64).

You are to permit the landing of all the small plunder belonging to the seamen that brought home the three East India prizes: taking care that under this pretence nothing belonging to the hold or bread rooms of said ships be landed. The East India goods taken out of said prizes, and now in the King's warehouse, are to be delivered to the proprietors, who have entered same and paid the duty.

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, OCTOBER 28, 1673 (AFTERNOON) (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 310).

A letter from Sir Robert Southwell is read, in which he states that the Lords Commissioners have appointed to-morrow morning for sealing the Articles in the Council Chamber. Hereupon order is given for the Treasury Committee to be desired to take the Company's seal to be affixed to one part of the said Articles, and certain of the Committees are requested to accompany the Deputy Governor at the time appointed. Mr. Backhouse, a fellow of St. John's, Oxford, and one Mr. Lewis are recommended as chaplains for St. Helena, and certain of the Committees are desired to ascertain and report their respective abilities and qualifications. Prices fixed for calicoes and taffetas are approved. The Committee for Private Trade to give directions to Sprigg about the delivery of musk and other unprohibited goods mentioned in the Company's bill of lading, care to be taken that the permission, custom, and other duties are first paid. No more money to be taken up at interest by the Treasury Committee until further order, and for what has been already received on loan, bills are to be sealed at as short a time as possible. (¾ *p.*)

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A COURT OF COMMITTEES, OCTOBER 31, 1673 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 311).

The Treasury Committee to pay to Richard Mounteney 100,000*l.* being the two first payments agreed on by the Articles, and take receipts for the same. A letter from the Directors of the Netherlands East India Company, dated October 30 (*stilo novo*), is read, and order given for an answer to be drawn up in accordance with the present debate. The account of Mr. Codrington to be reported. Payment to be made to Matthew Stalworthy for medicaments left at St. Helena. Musk brought back in the *Mediterranean* to be delivered free to Captain Richard Goodlad, it belonging to himself and the mate. Examination and report to be made of some damaged calicoes belonging to Captain Mariner. A report is read concerning the gratuity payable to Mr. Whitehead, chaplain at Masulipatam, and order given for it to be referred back to the Committees who prepared it. (1¼ *pp.*)

ORDER OF COUNCIL, OCTOBER 31, 1673 (*Public Record Office: Privy Council Register*, vol. lxiv, p. 125).

Upon reading a report from the principal Officers and Commissioners of the Navy concerning the four East India prizes and their usefulness for the King's service, order is given for the said prizes, viz.: the *Alphen*, *Arms of Ferveer*, alias *Camphire*, and the *Europa*, with their apparel and furniture to be speedily delivered to the said principal Officers and Commissioners of the Navy, or to those they shall appoint to receive them, to be employed in His Majesty's service, and for the *Papenburgh* to be forthwith sold.

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, NOVEMBER 1, 1673 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 213).

Pepper brought back in the *Surat Merchant* not to be offered for sale. Resolved to have it stated in the preamble that no further sale of goods will be held until April next. Pepper put up for sale to be priced as follows: the King's Jambi and damaged pepper and the Company's Jambi and South Sea pepper at 9½*d.* per lb., Malabar pepper at 10*d.* per lb., and all from Biliapatam at 9*d.* per lb. The Committee for Sambrook's Warehouse to price and allot His Majesty's goods, cause papers for their sale to be printed, and give all necessary directions so that the goods may be ready to be viewed. As the *European* cannot take all the provisions and passengers designed for St. Helena, the

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Shipping Committee are directed to arrange for transport of the rest, and engage such ship or ships as have been built expressly for the Company's service. (¾ *p.*)

THE COMPANY TO ISAAC TILLIARD [AT PLYMOUTH], NOVEMBER 1, 1673 (*Letter Book*, vol. v, p. 80).

Send him a packet for their Chief and Council in the Bay with letters to Captain Gaich, and desire they may be delivered. Many Dutch capers having been seen in the Channel off Dover, Tilliard is to use his interest and endeavour to obtain one of the King's men-of-war to convoy the *Advice* 'beyond the soundings out of danger of the Dutch capers'; for this service he may promise the captain 10*l.* or the best he can arrange with him, the Company having ordered Captain Gaich not to sail from Plymouth without a convoy of one or more men-of-war, and this Tilliard is desired to get as quickly as possible. (¼ *p.*)

A GENERAL COURT OF SALES, NOVEMBER 3, 1673 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 313).

Sale of Cotton yarn, Jambi, Malabar, and Biliapatam pepper, white pepper and dust of pepper, Carmania wool, coffee, aloes Socatrina and Hepatica, myrrh, cardamoms, olibanum, sal-ammoniac, assafoetida, green ginger, tincal, turmeric, cowries, saltpetre and red earth, with prices and names of purchasers. (3 *pp.*)

THE COMPANY TO THE DIRECTORS OF THE NETHERLANDS EAST INDIA COMPANY [AT AMSTERDAM] NOVEMBER 4, 1673 (*Letter Book*, vol. v, p. 75).

Acknowledge their letter of October 30 and, according to desire, will cause the books of accounts, writings and other papers out of the *Papenburgh* and the other three ships to be delivered to Jacob Lucy. They question not but that the Directors will give a like order for any English papers that may come into their hands. The passport, to be granted by both Companies within the limits of their respective charters, is desired for a vessel of about 400 tons to be allowed to sail to Bantam and back without molestation, and if this is granted, the name of the commander of the said ship will be sent, and on the Dutch Company naming a vessel of like nature to go and return from any given place, a similar passport will be sent accordingly. (¼ *p.*)

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HUMPHREY EDWIN TO SIR ROBERT SOUTHWELL, NOVEMBER 6, 1673 (*Home Miscellaneous*, vol. xxxvi, p. 45).

Begs to acquaint him that in obedience to the Deputy's commands he waited this morning on the Commissioners of Customs, who gave order for him to view the 18 bales of silk taken out of the Dutch prizes, but only 14 could be found in the warehouses, viz.: 8 bales of Persian silk, value 566*l.*, and 6 bales of Bengal silk, value 360*l.*, making a total value of 926*l.* (½ *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, NOVEMBER 7, 1673 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 316).

The request of Sir James Edwards for some allowance on quilts he bought is referred for examination. The Husband is ordered to enter the goods from the four prize ships at the Customhouse, and the Treasury Committee to provide money to pay the custom due on the same. Payment on account of freight and demurrage to be made to the owners of the *Berkeley Castle*, *Johanna*, *Rainbow*, and *Loyal Merchant*. The sum of 50*l.* to be paid to the assigns of Mr. Whitehead, minister at Masulipatam. Sarah, wife of John Camel, steward at Tywan, to be paid two months' wages. The petition of Thomas Woodcock, pilot, is referred to certain Committees to do as they see fit in the matter. Examination and report to be made of the abilities and qualifications of Adam Elliot and Francis Rhode, who are recommended to the Company as chaplains. The following gratuities to be given: 100*l.* to Captain William Poole, commander of the *St. David*, 20*l.* to Captain Chamberlain, commander of the *Dragon*, and to Captain Trotter, commander of the *Richmond*, and 30*l.* to Captain Mason, commander of the *Dover*, who convoyed the *Anne*, commanded by Captain Dawes, into the Downs. Harbert to charge 120*l.* of these gratuities to the account of the owners of the four Surat ships, each to pay proportionably, and 30*l.* to the owners of the *Anne*. Taffetas to be delivered free of fine to George Toriano, Mrs. Proby having sent them from India to several of her friends. A parcel of diamonds and some calicoes to be delivered free to Thomas Pettit. The clerks in the Accountant's Office to attend from eight in the morning all the winter, and from seven in the summer, and not leave without permission from the Accountant. Mr. Rudge is desired to prepare an account of the charges incurred for the King's prize goods. (1¾ *pp.*)

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A GENERAL COURT OF SALES, NOVEMBER 10–13, 1673 (*Ibid.*, p. 318).

Sale of brown, blue and white longcloth, ginghams, brown ginghams, salampores, brown salampores, morees, sailcloth, bettellees, 'Oringal bettellees',[1] sannoes, humhums, cossaes, diapers, parcallaes, broad and narrow chintz, 'chints caddi' and 'Serunge[2] chints', brown, blue and white pautkaes, brown and white dungarees, derebauds, mercollees, broad and narrow baftas, blue and brown baftas, sovaguzzees, brown sovaguzzees, allejahs, nillaes, large and small quilts, niccanees, broad tapseiles, taffetas, damaged calicoes, and Guinea stuffs, with prices and names of purchasers. (14½ *pp.*)

ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS TO THE PLENIPOTENTIARIES AT COLOGNE, WHITEHALL, NOVEMBER 14, 1673 (*Public Record Office: S.P. Foreign Entry Book*, vol. lxiv, p. 121).

. . . As for the article of the regulation of trade in the East Indies, We will be content, that it be referred to a determination by commissioners appointed on both sides, as it was in the treaty of Breda, in case you shall find the obstinacy of the Dutch be such, as they will not make the peace in the manner you first proposed it. . . . By His Majesty's command. *Signed* Arlington.

HUMPHREY EDWIN TO SIR ROBERT SOUTHWELL, NOVEMBER 14, 1673 (*Home Miscellaneous*, vol. xxxvi, p. 45).

Has made a strict examination of the calicoes and silks invoiced in the three ships, the *Arms of Fervere*, *Alphen*, and *Europa*, and compared the number of pieces received with those invoiced, and finds them to agree exactly 'excepting to the nomber of five hundred and eighty peeces of ordinary sortes of calicoes, which are wanting and noe more, which is infinitely beyond expectation'. (¾ *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, NOVEMBER 17, 1673 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii p. 333).

Some musk returned in the *Loyal Subject* to be delivered permission free to Captain Francis Chuseman. Certain Committees to state the account of William Nokes, late chaplain at St. Helena, consider his petition and report what they think is fit to be done about it. A bill of exchange for 1,500*l.* drawn by the Chief and Council in the Bay on the Company and payable to Monsieur Lambert Van Herst is read, accepted, and order given for it to be paid. On reading a letter from the King,

[1] See note in vol. v, p. 177. [2] Sironj.

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directing the payment of 270*l.* to Theodore Randu, which His Majesty is given to understand was owing to him by Sir Gervase Lucas at his death, but recovered and paid into the Company's cash by Henry Gary, who succeeded Lucas as Governor of Bombay, the Court direct certain Committees to examine the account of Sir Gervase and report whether any such money remains in the Company's hands, or has been paid into their cash. Captain Williams, Mr. Day, and several other linendrapers request and are granted extension of time for payment of goods bought at the last sale as it was continued for four days. A letter from the Lords Commissioners for Prizes is read, in which an estimate is given of what the prize goods amount to at Mr. Nelthorpe's rates; this exceeds by between five and six thousand pounds the estimate made by the Company; hereupon the Governor and Deputy are desired to adjust the said account with whomsoever Their Lordships shall appoint, and give directions for the third payment to be made on the said goods, equally between His Majesty and the Company. Some copper, alleged to have been bought for the Company by the Committee for Buying Goods pursuant to a former order, and it appearing on examination that the said Committee were only empowered to ascertain the price and quantity of the said copper, the Court not thinking it fit for the Company's service disapprove of the purchase. (1½ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, NOVEMBER 19, 1673 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 335).

Alderman Backwell stating that there was a mistake of twenty pounds in the weight of an ingot of silver he sold the Company for which he was not allowed, and the Treasury Committee reporting that the Alderman had delivered in an ingot short of weight, the matter is referred to the said Committee for examination and report. The request of Alderman Bathurst that the goods he and his son Lewis bought at the last sale may be entered in one account under their joint names is granted. Mr. Briscoe's allegation concerning some defective coffee bought at the sale is referred for examination and report. Payment to be made in part of freight to the owners of the *Anne*, and a receipt taken from Sir John Bendish and Mr. White, owners in charterparty. Mr. Woolley's request to be allowed extension of time for clearing pepper to be considered. Payment to be made to John Codrington, for which he and his late guardian, Mr. Buckeridge, are to give a full discharge. Mrs. Friswell Field, wife of Captain Field (elected Governor of St. Helena) to be paid

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20*l.* on account of her husband's entertainment; and Frances, wife of Thomas Rutter, an officer there, to be given 6*l.* on account of his wages, both women intending to go to the island and Mr. Davison undertaking to see that they do so or to repay the said sums. Mr. Westerne's desire that the goods he agreed to deliver the Company may be received in payment of pepper he bought is granted. The Shipping Committee to consider and report how many men to raise for Bombay, when to enlist them, and what provision to make for them. (1¾ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, NOVEMBER 19, 1673 (AFTERNOON) (*Ibid.*, p. 337).

Two of the Committees to ascertain and report on the qualifications and abilities of Robert Fairchild, who is recommended to serve as chaplain at St. Helena. Captain Munden to be desired to give in a list of the names of all persons he put ashore and left at St. Helena, what pay they were to receive from His Majesty on their leaving England, and what terms and conditions, if any, he made with them on his quitting the island. The Shipping Committee to prepare instructions for the Governor and Council of St. Helena in accordance with the sense of the present debate; they are also to give orders to the commanders of the *European* and *Alexander* to sail speedily to Gravesend. According to a report now read and approved, Richard Moseley, smith and armourer, is entertained to serve the Company at St. Helena for three years at 12*l.* a year with diet, his wages to begin at his arrival. And Francis Moore is entertained to serve as chirurgeon on the said island at 25*l.* per annum with diet, be allowed the same as other planters, and, if his behaviour is satisfactory, to receive a yearly gratuity of 5*l.*; he is going to St. Helena with his family and will be expected to look after the health of all soldiers and inhabitants there. Mrs. Coltston to be paid 18*l.* for what she spent on a negro woman and her two children, to enable the said woman to return to her husband, who is at St. Helena, and who did the Company good service in helping to retake the island; this payment to be made in order that the negress and her children may be free from any dependance on Mrs. Coltston. Captain Anthony Beale to be paid 92*l.* 14*s.* for the framework of a house he has made to be erected on the island as the Company's storehouse, and to be permitted to dwell with his family in the upper rooms of the said house for two years, provided he allows no fire to be made or kept there. Nicholas Buckeridge is admitted to the freedom by service. (1¼ *pp.*)

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MINUTE, NOVEMBER 20, 1673 (*Public Record Office: S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 40, p. 132).

Grant of the Island of St. Helena to the East India Company.

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, NOVEMBER 21, 1673 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 338).

Imprest on account of freight to be paid to the owners of the following ships: the *Mediterranean Merchant, Golden Fleece, Johanna, Berkeley Castle,* and *Loyal Merchant.* John Christopher Mayerne is admitted to the freedom by redemption. John Ogilby to be given 10*l.* for a book he presented to the Company containing the first part of a description of Asia. Captain James Bonnele reports that his ship is ready for the Company's service. The account of Streinsham Masters to be reported. Mr. Briscoe to be given a bale of coffee in place of a defective bale. A letter from the Dutch East India Company is read proposing to obtain a passport from the Prince of Orange and the States of Holland for an English ship to go to Batavia, fetch the English prisoners, and return with her lading for England, if the King will grant a like passport for a Dutch ship to go to Holland; hereupon the Governor is desired to inform His Majesty of this, and receive his commands. (1 *p.*)

THE DEPUTIES OF THE DUTCH EAST INDIA COMPANY TO THE ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMPANY, THE HAGUE, NOVEMBER 24, 1673 (*Public Record Office: S.P. Holland*, vol. 194, p. 142).

Acknowledge their letter of the 4th instant and thank them for their declared intention to deliver the books, writings, and papers found in the four ships. State their readiness to do the same with any belonging to the English Company that have or may hereafter come into their possession on being authorized and told to whom to deliver them. Consent willingly to give the required passport, but think that as proposed it will not give the required tranquility and security, so are inclined to strengthen it by sending with it a passport from the States and from the Prince of Orange. This will allow the going to Bantam and returning to England within and without the limits of their respective charters or grants. They expect to receive a similar passport from His Majesty, or from those to whom the grants belong, which will also allow of going to and returning from Batavia. Wish that Almighty God may direct affairs in such wise that they may have occasion, according to their inclination, to demonstrate more friendship to the English Com-

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pany, and cultivate more and more their ancient correspondence. *Signed* Alexander Munny, Adrian Boogaert, Jeronimo De Haze, Corn. Graafland. (1¾ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, NOVEMBER 24, 1673 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 339).

Mr. Andrews reports that a new three-decked vessel built at Wivenhoe for the Company's service is ready for employment. Certain Committees to cause such of the books of accounts and papers out of the four Dutch prize ships as they think fit, to be delivered to Jacob Lucy, according to the desire of the Dutch East India Company and an order from the Lords Commissioners of Prizes of October 1 last. A dividend of twenty per cent to be made to the adventurers, warrants for payment of the same to be ready by Friday afternoon, and a general court to meet on Wednesday to make this known. The Treasury Committee to pay off all money taken up on loan since October 31 last, cause a list to be drawn up of all money owing on the Company's bills, the time these become due and the names of the debtors. An account to be made out of all goods sold at the last sale, what has been paid and what is still owing on these, and on goods sold at former sales. The account of Moses to be stated. A warrant for 20,000*l.* to be made out to Richard Mounteney on account of the third payment for the King's prize goods. The warehousekeepers to adjust with Captain Shales the account of the King's calicoes and other goods. (1 *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, NOVEMBER 26, 1673 (*Ibid.*, p. 341).

Provisions designed for St. Helena to be shipped. Samuel Haycock's account to be reported. The Shipping Committee to cause one hundred soldiers to be entertained for service at Bombay, two serjeants to be employed to try and obtain sober, Protestant soldiers, train them during the voyage, and see them shipped or provided for by January 1. Sixty of the said men to be sent in the *Lancaster* and forty in the *Falcon*, the commanders to provide food for them. A jar of preserved mirabulums to be delivered free of fine to Thomas Petit. Damaged calicoes returned in the *Rebecca*, *Johanna*, *Golden Fleece*, and *Mediterranean* to be delivered to the owners of the said vessels. Joseph Farley's account to be reported. Samuel Tutchin, chaplain at Fort St. George, to be allowed a salary of 50*l.* per annum, with a yearly gratuity of 50*l.* to begin from his arrival there; and the Court, on hearing that Tutchin,

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who went out as chaplain in the *Return* and was left at Bantam, incurred great expense in getting to Bengal and the Fort, refer the matter to certain Committees to consider and report what they think fit to be done. A yearlygratuity of 50*l.* to be allowed the chaplain at St. Helena, besides the annual 50*l.* given for preaching, and the 25*l.* for teaching and keeping the school. Captain Baily, on behalf of himself and other owners of the *Humphrey and Elizabeth* and *Surat Merchant*, requests that four anchors belonging to the said ships, but left behind off St. Helena, weighed and taken up by the Dutch, and now on that island may be given up to whomsoever the owners of the said vessels shall appoint; hereupon the captain is directed to submit an account of the weight of the anchors, and order is given for a clause to be inserted in the general letter to the island asking for particulars of what anchors are there, and whether they belong to the said ships as alleged. The account of John Robson to be examined, and 10*l.* paid to his wife Dorothy in pursuance of a report now read. The petition of Patrick Savage is referred for examination and report. Payment in part of freight to be made to the owners of the *Loyal Subject*. (2¼ *pp.*)

A GENERAL COURT, NOVEMBER 26, 1673 (AFTERNOON) (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 348).

The Governor informs the generality that the Court of Committees have agreed on a dividend of twenty per cent being made to all adventurers, and that warrants for payment shall be ready on Friday next in the afternoon. (¼ *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, NOVEMBER 28, 1673 (*Ibid.*, p. 343).

Harbert is directed not to deliver warrants for dividends to any adventurers until they have signed the preamble, and cleared their accounts with the Company. A list is given of persons who bought goods at the last sale and cleared them before the 20th instant, but through multiplicity of business were not able to dispatch the said goods by that time, and so were refused certificates for the 6½ per cent; but the Court, after consideration, give order for the certificates to be delivered. Captain Anthony Beale to be paid 87*l.* 1*s.* 3*d.*, according to a bill of particulars now read and approved, for the frame of a storehouse for the Company's service, which he has made and is to erect at St. Helena. Summons to be issued to those who bought goods at the last sale for pay-

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ment of ten per cent upon their respective purchases. A letter from Mr. Mainston is read, and order given for the Lawsuits Committee, with the aid of Moses, to consider what answer to make to Mainston's bill in Chancery, and what course to take in order to recover his debt to the Company. Samuel Tutchin elected chaplain at St. Helena at a salary of 50*l.* per annum with an annual gratuity of the same amount, is to be allowed after this rate from the time he left the *Return* at Bantam until his arrival at Fort St. George in accordance with a report now read; but if he has received any allowance at the Fort on account of his expenses, this amount is to be deducted. The Surat Committee to ascertain and report what goods were ordered last year to be provided at Surat, what Surat goods remain unsold in the warehouses, and what cargo to send in the ships already designed for India, and how many more will be necessary. The qualifications and abilities of Mr. Swindel, who is recommended as the Company's chaplain at St. Helena, to be ascertained and reported. (2¼ *pp.*)

HUMPHREY EDWIN TO SIR ROBERT SOUTHWELL, NOVEMBER 28, 1673 (*Home Miscellaneous*, vol. xxxvi, p. 46).

Informs him that two lots of the same sort of silks mentioned in his preceding letter were sold at the Company's late sale and fetched 1,155*l.* (¼ *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, DECEMBER 2, 1673 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 346).

The Governor reports that on informing the King of the offer of the Dutch East India Company to procure a pass from the States-General and the Prince of Orange for an English ship to sail to Bantam to fetch the English prisoners from Batavia, provided His Majesty will grant a pass for a Dutch ship to sail from the Netherlands to Batavia and return to the Netherlands; His Majesty was graciously pleased to grant this. Hereupon order is given for a letter to be drawn up in answer to one received from the Directors of the Dutch East India Company, in accordance with the present debate, and for the name of the new ship, the *Eagle*, commanded by Captain James Bonneel, to be inserted in the said passport, and for that ship to be entertained for a voyage to Bantam upon what terms the Company shall see fit. (1 *p.*)

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THE COMPANY TO THE DIRECTORS OF THE NETHERLANDS EAST INDIA COMPANY [AT AMSTERDAM], DECEMBER 2, 1673 (*Letter Book*, vol. v, p. 80).

Have received their letter of November 14/24 and as before advised have procured the books and papers from the four Dutch ships and, according to desire, delivered them to Mr. Jacob Lucy. If any books or papers belonging to the English have or shall come to their hands, desire they may be delivered to their President or Chief of the factory nearest to the place where they were seized. Touching a passport from the King for a Dutch ship to sail to and from Batavia, and a pass from the States-General and the Prince of Orange for an English ship to sail to and from Bantam, they have presented a memorial to His Majesty, who has granted a pass for a ship of 500 tons with her men and goods to sail from the Netherlands to Batavia and back again, and therefore they desire the Dutch Company to procure a pass from the States-General and the Prince of Orange for an English ship called the *Eagle* of about 500 tons commanded by James Bonnell to sail with her men, passengers, and lading from the Thames to Bantam and back again without molestation, also a pass from the Dutch Company for the said ship, her men, and lading within the limits of their charter; and upon receipt of these they engage to return with all speed a like passport from His Majesty for a ship named, and one from themselves within the limits of their charter. (¾ *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, DECEMBER 3, 1673 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 347).

Ordered, that all raw silks and floret yarn from the Bay be prohibited for importation on account of private trade by any person whatsoever, this to be inserted in all charterparties for ships and in factors' covenants, the penalty to be 10*s.* per pound. A satisfactory character having been received of William Swindel, he is elected chaplain of St. Helena and schoolmaster, at the salary and gratuity agreed upon for that post. The allowance of 6½ per cent announced in the preamble to be given to buyers of the King's goods upon clearing the same, is to be paid out of the Company's cash, entered in their books under one head, and notified to the Accountant-General. The Committee for Lawsuits with the Coast and Bay Committee, aided by Moses, to consider the business now depending in Chancery between the Company and Mr. Blake, and give

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directions in accordance with the present debate; they are also to direct the delivery into the High Court of Chancery of such books as are specified in an order of the said Court now produced by the Auditor. William Hackworth, mariner, is admitted to the freedom by redemption, the sum of 5*l.* for his said freedom to be deducted from the dividend of twenty per cent on the adventure transferred to him by Colonel Blount. (1¼ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, DECEMBER 3, 1673 (AFTERNOON) (*Ibid.*, p. 349).

A report from the Surat Committee is read and approved; it is to the following effect: they find that about 650 tons of goods, besides 300 or 400 tons of pepper, will be ready for shipment at Surat; that the two ships already freighted for that place cannot bring back more than about 700 tons of goods and will be 'much pestered' with goods and soldiers on the outward voyage to India; that the goods provided at Surat and the subordinate factories will amount in value to about 50,000*l.*, therefore the Committee think that another vessel should be freighted to accompany the two already designed for Surat, and that stock to the value of 60,000*l.* in money and goods should be sent in the said three vessels. The Committee for Buying Goods to provide 1,000 ordinary cloths for the present shipping. The *Phoenix* to be entertained to go to India on the same terms as the *Lancaster* and *Falcon*, the owners to be treated with concerning guns and ammunition for her. Order is given for 200 soldiers to be entertained and equally distributed in the three ships designed for Bombay, and for provision to be made for them. The Shipping Committee to consider and report what arms, ammunition, and other things necessary for war and fortification should be provided for Bombay, besides what has already been prepared. The Deputy Governor is desired to examine Captains Perce, Risbe, and Bonneel touching the late proceedings in court upon the nomination of their ships for entertainment. On reading a list of those to whom money payable on the Company's bills is due this month and in January next, the Court direct the Treasury Committee to pay off the same, as the amounts become due, or as much as shall be convenient for the Company's affairs, Mr. Rouse to notify the creditors accordingly. The said Committee are also to provide the full quantity of bullion designed to be sent in the ships bound for India, and to clear the account of what is already bought. (1¼ *pp.*)

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ORDER OF COUNCIL, DECEMBER 3, 1673 (*Public Record Office: Privy Council Register*, vol. lxiv, p. 138).

It having been represented that iron guns would be more frequently exported, to the advancement of that manufacture, if the customs due upon them were not so great, His Majesty on August 9, 1672, was pleased to order that only 5*s.* per ton should be demanded for any iron ordnance exported for one whole year, which time having elapsed and the East India Company this day moving for the said order to be renewed, His Majesty, as well to gratify the said Company as to encourage the manufacture, orders that for all iron ordnance exported from this date for one year, only 5*s.* per ton shall be demanded notwithstanding any law, statute, custom or provision to the contrary, of which order the commissioners and officers of the Navy are to take notice and yield due obedience accordingly. Likewise to signify this His Majesty's pleasure to all his officers in the several ports of this kingdom that they govern themselves accordingly.

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, DECEMBER 5, 1673 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 350).

Payment in further part of freight to be made to the owners of the following ships: the *Loyal Merchant*, *Berkeley Castle*, *Rebecca*, *Golden Fleece*, *Mediterranean*, *Loyal Subject*, *Barnardiston*, *Rainbow*, *Johanna*, and *Ann*. Survey to be taken of the *Phoenix*. The petition of William Perse is referred to the Committee for Private Trade. An account of the disbursements of Mr. Lannoy to be reported. William Swindel to be allowed 10*l.* for fresh provisions and other necessaries for his voyage to St. Helena; and Francis Moore, surgeon for St. Helena, who is taking his wife and family with him, to be allowed 5*l.* on the same account. Bibles and catechisms, not above the value of 10*l.* or 12*l.*, to be sent to St. Helena for distribution among the inhabitants. Richard Ellis to be paid 10*l.* 14*s.* for emptying the vault of the Company's house. The petition of James Mariner to be examined. (1¼ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, DECEMBER 5, 1673 (AFTERNOON) (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 352).

A draft of Instructions for the government of St. Helena prepared by the Shipping and Plantations Committee is read, and referred for amendment. The following ammunition, etc., to be provided for the

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garrison of Bombay: 100 barrels of gunpowder, 500 spades and shovels, 200 whole pikestaves and 200 half pikestaves, 20 cwt. of match, 20 corslets, and 20 headpieces. Lead to be shipped in the *Phoenix*. The owners of the *Lancaster*, *Falcon*, and *Phoenix* to be told to take out and bring back sufficient kentledge to ensure greater dispatch in their voyage. Certain Committees to accompany the Governor and Deputy to consult Counsel about the case between the Company and Mr. Blake. Security given by the late Mr. Hopkins to be examined, to ascertain whether his accounts are cleared and whether his bonds should be given up to Mr. Baron as is desired. The Treasury Committee to pay what is owing by the Company to the several persons named in the list now given, in which the amounts due are also stated. (1½ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, DECEMBER 10, 1673 (*Ibid.*, p. 353).

A report of work to be done in the *Phoenix* to fit her for the voyage to the Indies is read and approved. Musk brought home in the *Loyal Merchant* belonging to Captain Risby to be delivered to him permission free. An order made in the High Court of Chancery in the case between Benjamin Martin and Thomas and Mary James is read; in it the plea of the latter to the plaintiff's bill is ordered to stand, and the said bill to be dismissed; whereupon the Court direct that Mr. James be given a warrant for his dividend in the Joint Stock. Upon reading the petition of Captain Abraham Dawes telling of his want of money to pay his men returned in the *Ann*, and praying to be given the warrant for 1,000*l.* signed last Friday and now in the hands of the Secretary, as the owners of the *Ann* refuse to pay the men; the said owners are informed of this, and they engaging to pay the men within a day or two, and to clear all private trade goods from the warehouse the Court direct that the owners in charterparty, Sir John Bendish and Mr. White, be paid the 1,000*l.* A report from the Surat Committee touching Mr. Streinsham Masters is read, but referred for amendment; and a golden medal is delivered to Mr. Masters for his good service against Sivāji at Surat. The account of Edward James to be reported. Moses is directed to get Counsel to appoint a day to meet about Mr. Blake's business, of which the Governor, Deputy, and Committee for the Coast and Bay are to be notified; they are also to be given timely notice of the days assigned for hearing cases in which the Company are concerned. The smith's bill to be examined. (1½ *pp.*)

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A COURT OF COMMITTEES, DECEMBER 11, 1673 (AFTERNOON) (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 355).

A draft of a commission, instructions, and orders for the government of St. Helena is read, and after serious debate the Court direct the said draft to be referred to the Shipping and Plantations Committee to consider, advise with Moses, and report what provision to make for succession in that government, how justice may be administered for the punishment of crime and preservation of right and propriety among the inhabitants, and how the Company's plantation negroes and beasts may be disposed of. (½ *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, DECEMBER 12, 1673 (*Ibid.*, p. 355).

Streinsham Masters to be allowed interest at the rate of five per cent from now, on all money due to him from the Company. The petition of Frances Munn, widow, is read, and order given for it to be referred to the Treasury Committee and Mr. Paige, who are to ascertain what money and goods from the estate of Quarles Brown were brought into the Company's cash. The request of Sir Edward Winter for all differences between the Company and himself to be referred to the judgement and determination of the Earl of Shaftesbury, and an award made by His Lordship by March 1, is granted, and order given for bonds of arbitration to be drawn up by Moses accordingly; and certain Committees are desired to undertake, with the Governor and Deputy, the management of the Company's concern and claims in this matter. On a report from the Shipping and Plantations Committee, that the two ships taken up for St. Helena cannot carry all the passengers and provisions designed for that place, and proposing to engage the *Loyal Merchant* to help, they are directed to arrange for the transportation of 120 passengers and 200 tons of goods, or as many less as the Company shall see fit to send, all to be dispatched within a month; also to entertain an additional forty planters and twenty young women to go in the *Loyal Merchant*. In accordance with two reports now read, Mrs. Tutchin is to be paid the balance of her husband's account, and the assigns of Francis Peck the sum of 13*l.* 19*s.* 8*d.* (1 *p.*)

SUBSCRIPTION BY TREASURER LATIMER,[1] DECEMBER 13, 1673 (*British Museum Add. MS.* 28,075, p. 14).

Of a docket dated December, 1673, of a grant to the East India Company of all the island called St. Helena, in America, with all the rights,

[1] Sir Thomas Osborne, Viscount Latimer, Treasurer of the Navy.

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profits, privileges, and advantages thereof: reserving to the King and his successors the faith and allegiance of his subjects and inhabitants there: and also a grant of all the artillery, arms, ordnance, ammunition, provisions, ships, vessels, goods, and merchandizes whatsoever in or belonging to said island: with power to make laws for the government of the inhabitants and to send from England, for the supply of said island and the forts and garrisons there, all kind of clothing, provision, ammunition, etc., free of duty: and with power to constitute governors thereof, administer oaths, erect Courts of Judicature, and appoint the officers and ministers thereof.

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, DECEMBER 17, 1673 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 357).

Order is given for spice to be provided by George Papillon and given to the Commissioners of the Customs, and to the usual officers, also to the Company's servants, to those who are married and 'keep house' a whole share and half a share to the single of what was given formerly. The Treasury Committee to consider and report what gratuities should be given to the Customhouse officers in proportion to what was given last year. Mr. Clough's account to be reported, also the bills presented for work done by the upholsterer, bricklayer, painter, and plasterer. Captain Brookhaven to go to Gravesend and see the *European* and the *John and Alexander* cleared and dispatched, that they may gain the opportunity of the convoy now in the Downs to secure them from danger. Mr. Rawlinson asking the Court to approve of the transfer of Mr. Martin's adventure to himself, the matter is referred for consideration. A report from the Treasury Committee touching gratuities is read and approved, and order given for gratuities to the amount of 222*l.* to be distributed to the Customhouse officers for their care in discharge of the fourteen ships from the Indies, and of the four prize vessels, the *Papenburgh, Alphen, Arms* [*of*] *Fervere*, and *Europia*, in accordance with a list given. The sum of 400*l.* in pieces of eight and copper farthings to be sent in the *European* to St. Helena to pay the soldiers there. Captain Anthony Beale to be paid 30*l.* for service done the Company, and allowed at the rate of 3*s.* 6*d.* a day for forty-six days, the time he was employed in the Prize ships. Provisions supplied for St. Helena to be rated in the invoice as follows: beef at 10*d.* each 4lb piece: bread of the finer sort at 2¼*d.*, the coarse sort at 2*d.* a lb., and what is delivered to the soldiers to be charged accordingly. (2½ *pp.*)

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A COURT OF COMMITTEES, DECEMBER 18, 1673 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 360).

A copy of a bill exhibited in Chancery against the Company and several of the Committees by Mr. Westerne is read, and Moses is instructed to draw up an answer in the Company's name according to the sense of the present debate to be ready by the first court after January 6 next. The Secretary to give Moses copies of such orders as relate to that business. Mr. Walcott to be told that no report can be made of his account until the money due for damage on certain calicoes is paid. (½ *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, DECEMBER 19, 1673 (*Ibid.*, p. 360).

Some coffee and mangoes returned in the *Johanna* and consigned to Thomas Papillon for the use and maintenance of the children of Messrs. Thomson and Bridgers to be delivered free. The Court, taking into consideration the state of things caused by the war, allow abatement of fines on certain prohibited goods brought home as private trade. The allegation of Christopher Thomlinson, that a chest of China roots is all wax, to be examined. The Court bestow 3*l.* on the Lecturer of the parish of St. Andrew Undershaft, and 5*l.* among the poor there. On information that the owners of the *Mediterranean* have been paid 1,000*l.* more than was due for freight of that ship, Captain Goodlad, the late commander, is directed to see that the said sum is repaid speedily to the Treasury. The Company's seal to be affixed to the bond of arbitration concerning the business of Sir Edward Winter, and to the Company's instructions to the Governor and Council at St. Helena. Interest due on the Company's bill to Mr. Mounteney to be paid to his assignee, William Hewer.[1] A report touching Captain Mariner is read and approved. Examination to be made of the bonds and security given by Messrs. Wylde and Sprigg, late factors in the Company's service, and a report to be delivered as to whether these should be given up, as is desired. (1½ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, DECEMBER 19, 1673 (AFTERNOON) (*Ibid.*, p. 362).

In accordance with their annual custom the Court, taking into consideration the condition of the poor at Poplar and the increase in the number of widows and relations of those who have served the Com-

[1] ? 'Pepys' boy'.

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pany, give directions for 20*l.* to be distributed amongst them; they also desire certain of the Committees to examine the constitutions originally made for governing the Almshouse at Poplar, ascertain what sums have been given towards its maintenance, how much remains in stock, what is the annual charge and expense of the said Almshouse and pensioners, what accounts are kept, and what has been the usual practice in admitting pensioners. They are also to prepare fitting rules and instructions for the future government of the said Almshouse and make a full report. The Governor and Deputy are desired to adjust the account of the King's prize goods equally between His Majesty and the Company, cause the balance to be paid and obtain a full discharge. The Governor is also desired to endeavour to obtain payment of the 5,000*l.* owing by the King for saltpetre. Mrs. Wilcox, wife of George Wilcox, Judge and Register at Bombay, to be paid 25*l.* on account of her husband's salary, she being about to take passage to India by direction of her husband and with the Company's leave. A report from the Shipping Committee is read touching their agreement with Captain Risbe, commander of the *Loyal Merchant*, for transportation of passengers and goods to St. Helena, and the said Committee are directed to agree with the owners of the *Loyal Merchant* for bringing home thirty passengers from St. Helena on reasonable terms. The petition of Captain Robert Metford is referred to the Shipping Committee. Thomas Chester is admitted to the freedom by redemption. In accordance with a report now read and approved, the sum of 31*l.* 10*s.* is to be paid to Mr. Lannoy, late Consul at Aleppo. (1¼ *pp.*)

THE COMPANY TO THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL AT ST. HELENA, DECEMBER 19, 1673 (*Letter Book*, vol. v, p. 81).

Send them supplies by the *European* and *John and Alexander*, also instructions for the management and good government of the island with respect to the planters and soldiers which are to be observed and put in execution. Hope in a month's time to dispatch further supplies of provisions and some more planters and passengers in the *Loyal Merchant*. When that ship shall arrive at St. Helena the seamen left there by Sir Richard Munden and as many soldiers as desire (not exceeding thirty in all) may return home in her, their accounts to be sent with them so that these may be paid in England. If any more desire to return home further orders shall be sent. Care has been taken to

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supply seasonable victuals for the planters and soldiers; these are to be given out with all possible frugality, and all imaginable speed used in setting the planters and soldiers to work to plant provisions in order to raise a supply for their sustenance, lest by any casualty they are disappointed of recruits from England. Require them to return an exact account of the size of the anchors and cables that belonged to the *Surat Merchant* and the *Humphrey and Elizabeth*, which ships were lately at St. Helena and subsequently taken by the Dutch. Direct them to take three receipts for whatever provisions they supply to the Company's ships touching at the island, keep one for themselves and send the other two home. Ensign George Lapincott and William Grafton, soldier, who wish to return to England may be sent in the *Loyal Merchant*. (1 *p.*)

COMMISSION AND INSTRUCTIONS TO THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF ST. HELENA, DECEMBER 19, 1673 (*Letter Book*, vol. v, p. 82).

Upon hearing of the reduction of St. Helena by Sir Richard Munden, commander of a squadron of ships sent forth by the King, the Company waited on His Majesty to ascertain His pleasure concerning the said island, whether it was to be continued under the royal government and charge, or what directions His Majesty would be pleased to give concerning it. And His Majesty signifying His pleasure that the said island should be under the government of the Company, for their use and maintained at their charge, and accordingly by Letters Patent under the Great Seal bearing date December 16, 1673, had granted and confirmed the said island to them and their successors, thereby making and constituting them absolute lords and proprietors, with power and authority to give such rules and directions for its good government as to them should seem meet. Here follow directions concerning all persons on the island entertained or to be entertained in the service of the Company. Notice of the appointment of Captain Richard Field as Governor of St. Helena, and of Captain Anthony Beale as Deputy Governor, of the two lieutenants of the two Companies of Foot, of Francis Moore, John Colston and Richard Swallow to be of council and take place in the order named. As to succession in case of the death of the Governor or Deputy. The care of all arms, ammunition, stores and provisions arriving for the island, their distribution and disposal. The registration of all cattle and stores left by Sir Richard Munden so that a proportionable share of the same may

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be made to the inhabitants. Of the three boats left by Sir Richard, which are to be kept in repair and used by the inhabitants for fishing purposes at convenient times. A sum of 400*l.* has been sent in the *European* for payment of the soldiers, who are to be formed into two companies, the Governor to be captain of one, and the Deputy of the other. Captain Field to receive as Governor and captain of a company 50*l.* annually with a yearly gratuity of 50*l.* Captain Anthony Beale as Deputy, captain of the second company, and Husband of the stores to be paid 50*l.* annually, the lieutenants of the two companies to be paid 50*s.* each a month, the ensigns 40*s.* a month, and the four serjeants 30*s.* a month, the gunner to have his diet and 40*s.* a month, and his two mates to have diet and 30*s.* a month each. Directions are also given as to the exercise and employment of the inferior officers and of the soldiers, who are to help in erecting and strengthening the fortifications, and the work of plantation. Powder is not to be wasted on salutes, etc. A frame is sent for a storehouse which is to be erected to house victuals, and in which Captain Beale and his family are to be accommodated, on condition that they have no fires. Several persons have been sent as planters, who will arrive by this shipping, directions are given as to their treatment and settlement, and the amount of land and cattle to be allotted to them. Old settlers to keep their original possessions. All planters to be listed, and exercised in arms once in two months to qualify them for the defence of the island. Planters to be allowed to build houses, provided they build regularly, also to repair on board any ship that shall arrive at the island to sell such provisions, etc., as they can spare, and buy what they want. A free market to be appointed by the Governor and Council at the arrival of shipping, to be held in the most convenient place both for the inhabitants and mariners. Both old and new planters to have their land conveyed to them under the common seal of the Company with the agreed conditions. A register to be kept of all births, deaths, and marriages. Encouragement to be given to all planters, and due care taken of the Company's own plantation, which is to be tended by servants and negroes and no grant of land to be made near to it. No female cattle to be destroyed for the first three years. William Swindell is sent to act as minister; he is also to teach and cathechize the children, for which duties he is to receive 50*l.* a year, have his diet at the Governor's table and be given a plantation. Francis Moore is entertained as chirurgeon of the island at a salary of 25*l.* a year and 5*l.* gratuity, to have his diet at the Governor's

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table, be given the same amount of ground and cattle as other planters, and such lodging as former surgeons have had; a chest of medicaments with all necessary instruments has been sent with him. Richard Mosely is entertained as smith and armourer at 3*l.* a year, with diet at the Company's charge. Having heard from Sir Richard Munden of the good service of a negro in guiding the English who first landed on the island to retake it, and that Sir Richard had redeemed him from the Portuguese to whom he was sold, the Company have repaid Sir Richard and also the 18*l.* disbursed by Mr. Colston for the said negro's wife and two children who have also been set free and sent to live with the negro, who is now declared a free planter, given land and cattle and allowed all privileges accorded to other planters as a reward for his faithfulness. It is likewise directed that all negroes on the island who make profession of the Christian faith and are baptised shall within seven years after be made free planters and enjoy all privileges accordingly. Captain Keigwin, who was in the King's service, is to be discharged, treated civilly and given a passage for England in one of the ships; he is also to be given a certificate of the time of his discharge so that what shall appear due to him may be paid on his arrival home. Directions follow for the strict observance of the Lord's Day, the repression of all scandalous offences, as swearing, intemperance, etc., and for a particular account to be sent home from time to time of all ground allotted and the names of those to whom it is given. Appended is a list of the names of all the passengers going in the two ships to St. Helena. (6½ *pp.*)

ROBERT BLACKBORNE TO CAPTAIN RICHARD FIELD, LONDON, DECEMBER 20, 1673 (*Letter Book*, vol. v, p. 89).

The Court of Committees having chosen you Governor of St. Helena have, at the desire of Mrs. Field, advanced her 20*l.* on your account to accommodate her in her voyage to you. She was to have gone in the *European*, 'but somewhat intervening which I need not here mention' it was not thought convenient for her to proceed, more especially as she declared she would not go to sea without a good convoy, of which the Court being very uncertain her passage has been delayed until your mind is known. *Signed* Robert Blackburne. (¼ *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, DECEMBER 23, 1673 (AFTERNOON) (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 364).

In pursuance of an order from the Commissioners of Prizes, direction

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is given to the Husband to enter at the Customhouse twenty-seven bales of silk taken out of the prize ships by Sir Richard Munden, thirteen of which are in the Company's warehouse, and the remaining fourteen in the keeping of the Commissioners of Customs. The duty paid by Sir Richard on the thirteen bales is to be refunded to him. Mrs. Sawcer's petition to be examined. A letter from Matthew Manwaring, Second at Masulipatam is read, and order given for a letter to be prepared to send to the Agent and Council at Fort St. George. (1 *p.*)[1]

THE KING'S ORDER FOR DELIVERING ST. HELENA TO THE COMPANY, DECEMBER 23, 1673 (*Letter Book*, vol. v, p. 89).

Whereas We have been graciously pleased by Our Letters Patent under the great seal of England to regrant the Island of St. Helena unto Our trusty and well-beloved subjects the Governor and Company of Merchants of London trading to the East Indies, Our will and pleasure is, and We do accordingly hereby strictly require and command you upon sight hereof to deliver unto the said Governor and Company or their order, the possession of the said island as it was left by Sir Richard Munden in your charge, for which this shall be your sufficient warrant. Given at Our Court at Whitehall the 23rd of December in the five and twentieth year of Our reign. By His Majesty's command. *Signed* Arlington. To Captain Keigwin or other the Officer commanding in chief at St. Helena. (¼ *p.*)

WARRANT, DECEMBER 23, 1673 (*Public Record Office: S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 40, *p.* 143).

To the Commander-in-Chief at St. Helena for the surrender of the island to the East India Company.

THE COMPANY TO CAPTAIN KEIGWIN OR THE OFFICER COMMANDING IN CHIEF AT ST. HELENA, DECEMBER 24, 1673 (*Letter Book*, vol. v, p. 89).

Authorizing him in pursuance of the King's warrant to deliver to Captain Richard Field, or in case of his death to Captain Anthony Beale, possession of the Island of St. Helena with all the forts, ordnance, ammunition, stores, provisions, cattle, negroes, and whatsoever else is upon the said island or was left by Sir Richard Munden on the said island, for the use of the Company, for which this shall be his warrant. *Signed* John Banks, Governor, Nathaniel Herne, Deputy.

[1] Among the warrants is one 'Made paid in cash' for 110*l.* 4*s.*

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A COURT OF COMMITTEES, DECEMBER 24, 1673 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 365).

A letter to the Agent and Council at Fort St. George is read, ordered to be signed and dispatched by the *Advice* frigate. The petition of Henry Durley is referred to the Committee for Private Trade. (½ *p.*)

SUBSCRIPTION BY TREASURER LATIMER OF A DOCQUET, DECEMBER 24, 1673 (*British Museum, Add. MS.* 28,075, p. 20).

Of a warrant to the principal Commissioners of Prizes to pay to Sir Richard Munden 2,500*l.* as royal bounty: for his good services in retaking the Island of St. Helena and seizing three East India Prizes for the King's use.

WARRANT FROM TREASURER LATIMER, DECEMBER 29, 1673 (*British Museum Add. MS.* 28,076, p. 172).

To the Receipt to cancel a tally for 5,000*l.* dated October 26, 1672, on the customs and payable to the East India Company, and of which only 3,128*l.* 16*s.* 3*d.* can be satisfied on the customs of this last year: and in lieu thereof to strike two tallies for 3,128*l.* 16*s.* 3*d.* and 1,871*l.* 3*s.* 9*d.* respectively, the latter to be applied to the next year's account: all at the request of Sir John Banks, as Governor of the East India Company, and to accommodate the Receiver-General of the Customs in perfecting his accounts for last year.

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, DECEMBER 31, 1673 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 366).

Captain Hill alleging that there was an error in the invoice of the *Hannibal* concerning pepper returned in her, the matter is referred for examination. A report from the Shipping Committee touching a further supply of provisions, guns, ammunition, etc., for St. Helena to be sent in the *Loyal Merchant* is read and approved, and the several articles mentioned ordered to be bought accordingly. A letter from the Dutch East India Company is read, but it is agreed that no answer shall be sent until after ten days. The account of the late James Hounsel, minister, to be stated, and his papers and writings, now in Harbert's custody, to be given up to Mrs. Priscilla Sedgwick. The wife of Lawrence Sawcer, a factor at Fort St. George, to be given 15*l.* on account of her husband's salary. Captain Abraham Dawes, on behalf of the owners of the *Ann*, offers her for further service. Sir Samuel Barnardiston to join the Committee for Buying Goods. Report to be made of the services performed

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by Mr. Ely as assistant to Captain Prowd, and of what allowance he should have in proportion to what Captain Beale received when in that employment. Robert Barber's account to be examined. A representation from Samuel Sambrooke, Senior, is read and referred for consideration. On information that Thomas Hopkinson, schoolmaster at Poplar, is given to 'intemperate drinking' and neglects his duty, order is given for him to attend the Court next Wednesday, January 7, and for some of the inhabitants of that place to attend also. The Shipping Committee are directed to visit the Schoolhouse and the Almshouse at Poplar twice a year, at Midsummer and Christmas, ascertain fully how the Minister and Schoolmaster discharge their respective duties, and report; and the Court order that no warrants for salary of either Minister or Schoolmaster be signed until after the quarterly report is made. (2¼ *pp.*)

LIST OF TEN SHIPS WITH THEIR CARGOES, ETC., DESIGNED FOR THE INDIES IN 1672–3 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvA, p. 113).

The *London*, burden 400 tons, commanded by Captain William Bass, carrying 30 guns, 96 men, and a cargo valued at 18,026*l.* 4*s.* 10*d.*, the *President*, 500 tons, Captain Jonathan Hide, 36 guns, 120 men, cargo valued at 23,200*l.* 14*s.* 9*d.*, *Sampson*, 380 tons, Captain Anthony Earning, 30 guns, 91 men, cargo valued at 16,949*l.*, the *Caesar*, 500 tons, Captain Thomas Andrews, 36 guns, 120 men, cargo valued at 20,224*l.* 13*s.* 10*d.* the *Ann*, 450 tons, Captain Zachariah Browne, 34 guns, 108 men, cargo valued at 19,567*l.* 8*s.* 8*d.*, the *Bombay*, 370 tons, Captain George Erwin, 30 guns, 91 men, cargo valued at 16,341*l.* 19*s.* 4*d.*, the *Massingberd*, 430 tons, Captain Peter Wislack, 36 guns, 103 men, cargo valued at 19,814*l.* 9*s.* 8*d.*, the *East India Merchant*, 400 tons, Captain Robert Cowley, 30 guns, 84 men, cargo valued at 17,159*l.* 0*s.* 8d., *Unity*, 325 tons, Captain William Cruft, 26 guns, 74 men, cargo valued at 15,126*l.* 14*s.* 9*d.*, and the *Antelope*, 380 tons, Captain John Goldsbrough, 30 guns, 91 men, cargo valued at 16,201*l.* 13*s.* 1*d.*, the total value of the said cargoes amounting in all to 182,611*l.* 19*s.* 7d. *Appended are the following notes:* St. Helena retaken the 6th May by Captain Munday with four men-of-war and a fire ship. That he hath taken three Dutch East Indiamen richly laden. That he arrived in Kinsale the 5th August with the Dutch East India Prizes and five English ships from the Coast of Coromandel. A garrison of 300 men and 50 guns left at St. Helena. An account of ten bags of cochineal bought by Samuel Moyer for the Company. (¾ *p.*)

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TRANSFERS OF STOCK, 1671–1673.

NEW GENERAL STOCK

(Unless otherwise specified, half the nominal amount had been paid up.)

1671	
18 Jan.	George Willoughby to Christopher Willoughby, 500*l.*
,, ,,	Edward Griffith to Francis Millington, 500*l.*
,, ,,	Abraham Otger to David Otger, 2,000*l.*
,, ,,	David Otger to Peter Otger, 1,000*l.*
,, ,,	Dorothea Colvile to Sir William Coventry, 1,400*l.* (512*l.* paid).
,, ,,	Christopher Thomlinson to Daniel Sheldon, 1,000*l.*
,, ,,	Edward Rumball to Sir John Lewis, 500*l.*
,, ,,	George Blake to William Beeke, 400*l.*
,, ,,	George Blake to Sir Richard Ryves, 500*l.*
,, ,,	George Blake to Francis Millington, 300*l.*
,, ,,	George Blake to John Lethulier, 100*l.*
,, ,,	George Willoughby to John Moore, 1,000*l.*
,, ,,	David Otger to John Dashwood, 1,000*l.*
,, ,,	Giles Thornbrough to Samuel Moyer, 400*l.*
,, ,,	Giles Thornbrough to Samuel Moyer, 600*l.*
,, ,,	Samuel Wilson to Sir Arthur Ingram, 500*l.*
,, ,,	Samuel Wilson to Robert Pierson, 300*l.*
10 Feb.	Thomas Neal to John Stock, 1,000*l.*
,, ,,	Peter Daniel to John Holworthy, 25*l.*
,, ,,	Richard Alie to John Moore, 200*l.*
,, ,,	Joseph and Mary Dawson and James Woods to Richard Mounteney, 2,000*l.*
,, ,,	Samuel Moyer to Giles Thornburgh, 600*l.*
,, ,,	John Elwick to John Holworthy, 100*l.*
,, ,,	Thomas Bostock to Henry Spurstow, 500*l.*
,, ,,	Thomas Neal to Humphrey Morrice, 1,000*l.*
,, ,,	Giles Thornburgh to John Moore, 600*l.*
22 ,,	Richard Mounteney to the Hon^ble^ Robert Boyle, 500*l.*
,, ,,	George Papillon to the Right Hon^ble^ George Lord Berkeley, 700*l.*
,, ,,	Robert Boyle to Robert Thomson, 200*l.*
8 Mar.	Anthony and Alice Baskervile to Captain Arthur Baily, 100*l.*
,, ,,	Thomas Gower to Sir Kingsmill Lucy, 500*l.*
,, ,,	Sir Samuel Barnardiston and Nicholas Reynardson to Robert Thomson, 750*l.*
,, ,,	Robert Thomson to Nicholas Reynardson, 750*l.*
24 ,,	Richard Hutchinson and John Child to Richard Hutchinson, Junior, 2,500*l.*
,, ,,	Richard Hutchinson, Junior, to his father, Richard Hutchinson, 500*l.*

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24 Mar. Richard Hutchinson, Junior, to John Childe, 1,000*l.*
" " Samuel Payne to Christopher Tomlinson, 250*l.*
" " Samuel Devisher to Justus Otgher, 1,500*l.*
" " Justus Otgher to Samuel Devisher, 1,500*l.*
" " Judith Adrian to Nathaniel Herne, 2,000*l.*
" " Nathaniel Herne to Judith Adrian, 2,000*l.*
29 " George Lord Berkeley to Sir Kingsmill Lucy, 500*l.*
31 " Sir John Dethick to Benjamin Dethick, 2,000*l.*
" " Sir John Dethick to Edward Rudge, 600*l.*
7 Apr. John Moore to the Rt. Hon^ble^ George Lord Berkeley, 300*l.*
12 " Alexander Johnson to Dr. Thomas Goodwin, 200*l.*
" " Edward Thorold to John Jacob Berlu, 500*l.*
" " John Jacob Berlu to Christopher Thomlinson, 500*l.*
21 " James Houblon, Senior, to John Paige, 1,000*l.*
" " John Paige to Nathaniel Scottow, 500*l.*
10 May John and Ann Phelps to Nathaniel Herne, 500*l.*
12 " William and Susannah Beaumont to Hugh Norris, 1,000*l.*
" " Henry Hunter to Nathaniel Hunter, 375*l.*
17 " Thomas and Mary Lawrence to Richard Boylston, 500*l.*
24 " Charles Porter to Robert Reed, 600*l.*
Dated 6 December, 1669.
" " Charles Porter to Robert Reed, 400*l.*
Dated 9 August, 1670.
" " Richard Mounteney to Joseph Dawson, 500*l.*
Dated 3 February, 1671.
21 June Sir Robert Vyner to Robert Blackborne, 3,400*l.*
" " Sir Robert Vyner and Dame Mary his wife to Robert Blackborne, 750*l.*
" " Sir Robert Vyner to Robert Blackborne, 2,000*l.*
" " Robert Blackborne to Sir Robert Vyner, 6,150*l.*
" " Mary King and Isaac and Mary Houblon to James Houblon, 1,000*l.*
" " James Houblon to Mary King, spinster, 500*l.*
" " James Houblon to Isaac Houblon, 500*l.*
" " John Childe to Josia Childe, 1,000*l.*
" " Thomas Blount to Morgan Powell, 250*l.*
" " Thomas Blount to Elizabeth Hackworth, 250*l.*
" " Elizabeth Hackworth to Roger Whitley, 250*l.*
7 July William Jarret to Sir Thomas Chamber, 840*l.*
" " Richard Waring and Edward Byrch to Ann Waring, 1,000*l.*
" " Nicholas Warren to Joseph Prickman, 1,000*l.*
" " Major Robert Thomson to John Dashwood, 500*l.*
19 " Henry Hanson to Thomas Winter, 400*l.*
21 " Richard Luther to Edward Rudge, 1,000*l.*
" " Edward Backwell to Simon Delboe, 1,500*l.*
" " John Gregory to John Jollife, 500*l.*
" " Thomas Papillon to Josia Childe, 200*l.*

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21 July William Rawsterne to Thomas Papillon, 200*l.*
9 Aug. Thomas Hatton to Gilbert Upton, 500*l.*
16 ,, Esther Archer to Judith Adrian, 500*l.*
,, ,, Sir John Banks to Samuel Read, 800*l.*
25 ,, Robert Thomson to Robert Deluna, 400*l.*
,, ,, Humphrey Edwyn to Mr. Deluna, 600*l.*
,, ,, Arthur Baily to Gilbert Upton, 200*l.*
,, ,, Arthur Baily to Gilbert Upton, 100*l.*
,, ,, Ursula Drax, Thomas Gomeldon, and Phalatia Gomeldon to Nathaniel Herne, 1,800*l.*
30 ,, Jane Vandeput to Sir Samuel Barnardiston, 1,000*l.*
,, ,, Jane Vandeput to John Moore, 1,000*l.*
,, ,, William Robinson to Henry Powell, 1,000*l.*
,, ,, Simon Delboe to Charles Thorold, 500*l.*
29 Sept. William Grant to Humphrey Edwyn, 100*l.*
,, ,, Ursula Drax to Humphrey Edwyn, 100*l.*
,, ,, Humphrey Edwyn to Gilbert Upton, 200*l.*
,, ,, William Jollife to Benjamin Albyn, 2,200*l.*
,, ,, Benjamin Albyn to William Jollife, 1,100*l.*
,, ,, Benjamin Albyn to Thomas Dethick, 1,100*l.*
4 Oct. Lawrence Mercer to Nathaniel Herne, 200*l.*
25 ,, Thomas Lucas to Nathaniel Herne, 500*l.*
,, ,, Thomas Lucas to Nathaniel Herne, 500*l.*
George Lord Berkeley to Munn Brown, 400*l.*
,, ,, Benjamin Albyn to Nathaniel Herne, 1,000*l.*
,, ,, George Lord Berkeley to John Moore, 600*l.*
,, ,, George Lord Berkeley to Sir James Edwards, 1,000*l.*
,, ,, John Jollife to Benjamin Albyn, 1,000*l.*
1 Nov. Ann Walters to Henry Richards, 1,000*l.*
,, ,, Thomas Dethick to Edward Rudge, 1,100*l.*
3 ,, Henry Powell to Joseph Herne, 1,000*l.*
,, ,, Abraham Dolins to John Moore, 1,000*l.*
8 ,, William Standen to Judith Adrian, 500*l.*
,, ,, Samuel Wastell to George Papillon, 600*l.*
15 ,, Thomas Blount to Joseph Chamberlayn, 1,000*l.*
,, ,, Nathaniel Letten to Robert Welsted, 500*l.*
,, ,, Simon Delboe to Robert Breton, 1,000*l.*
24 ,, Robert Boyle to Joseph Denham, 500*l.*
13 Dec. Edward Rudge to Sir John Banks, 1,100*l.*
,, ,, Sir John Lewis from Sir T. Foot, Sir Francis Roll, and Arthur Onslow (his executors) to Humphrey Edwyn, 400*l.*
,, ,, Ann Walters to Joseph Herne, 1,000*l.*
,, ,, Nathaniel Herne to Joseph Herne, 800*l.*
15 ,, Humphrey Edwyn to Sir John Banks, 2,000*l.*
,, ,, Humphrey Edwyn to Robert Blackborne, 200*l.*
,, ,, William Bulkley to Sir John Drake, 200*l.*

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20 Dec. Samuel Moyer to Robert Thomson, 600*l.*
,, ,, Thomas Blackerby to Thomas Methold, 350*l.*
29 ,, George Lord Berkeley to Sir Kingsmill Lucy, 2,000*l.*
,, ,, Abraham Dolins to William Jarret, 600*l.*

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17 Jan. Thomas Papillon to Captain John Stafford, 600*l.*
,, ,, Jane Vandeput to John Jollife, 1,000*l.*
,, ,, William Sedgwick to Sir Samuel Barnardiston, 1,000*l.*
,, ,, William Sedgwick to Thomas Papillon, 600*l.*
,, ,, Humphrey Edwyn to Samuel Lee, 200*l.*
,, ,, Joseph Denham to William Edwards, 600*l.*
19 ,, Sir Kingsmill Lucy to Abraham Dolins, 1,000*l.*
,, ,, John Young to John Bull, 3,000*l.*
24 ,, Sir Kingsmill Lucy to Sir Wm. Thomson, 500*l.*
,, ,, Robert Thomson to Sir William Thomson, 500*l.*
31 ,, Humphrey Edwyn to John Hobby, 600*l.*
,, ,, Humphrey Edwyn to Robert Thomson, 200*l.*
7 Feb. Mathias Godfellow to Sir James Edwards, 500*l.*
,, ,, Walter Ratcliff to Sir Gilbert Gerard, 600*l.*
16 Feb. John Allen and Anne Barodale to Wm. Moses, 500*l.*
,, ,, Wm. Moses to John Allen, 250*l.*
,, ,, Wm. Moses to Anne Barodale, 250*l.*
28 ,, Humphrey Edwyn to William Jarret, 800*l.*
,, ,, Thomas Brownest to Richard Waring, 500*l.*
,, ,, Dame Rebecca Duteel to William Jollife, 500*l.*
,, ,, Joseph Herne to Gilbert Upton, 500*l.*
,, ,, Joseph Herne to Richard Booth, 500*l.*
,, ,, Samuel Lee to David Clarke, 280*l.*
,, ,, Richard Waring to Sir William Hooker, 500*l.*
,, ,, George Willoughby to William Jarret, 1,000*l.*
,, ,, John Boulton to George Lord Berkeley, 200*l.*
6 Mar. Thomas Neal to Abraham Dolins, 1,000*l.*
,, ,, Samuel Lee to George Lord Berkeley, 100*l.*
,, ,, Abraham Dolins to Sir John Robinson, 400*l.*
,, ,, William Jarret to George Lord Berkeley, 200*l.*
,, ,, Morgan Powell to William Jarret, 250*l.*
,, ,, William Jarret to Sir John Robinson, 400*l.*
22 ,, John Bull to Christopher Thomlinson, 200*l.*
,, ,, Sir John Banks, Edward Rudge, and Benjamin Dethick to Dame Anna Dethick, 1,000*l.*
,, ,, Robert Blackborne to William Sedgwick, 400*l.*
,, ,, Henry Ashurst and Henry Saunders to John Whitlock, 500*l.*
3 Apr. John Wigat to John Fisher, 375*l.*
5 ,, William Rawsterne to William Sedgwick, 200*l.*
,, ,, Jonathan Tuckney to Thomas Woodcock and Susannah his wife, 500*l.*

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5 April Sir James Edwards to Thomas Hatton, 112*l.* 10*s.*
" " William Sedgwick to John Bolton, Junior, 500*l.*
" " Sir John Banks, Benjamin Dethick, and Edward Rudge to Humphrey Edwyn, 1,900*l.*
" " Humphrey Edwyn to Sir John Banks, 800*l.*
" " Humphrey Edwyn to Edward Rudge, 1,100*l.*
" " George Willoughby to William Jarret, 500*l.*
" " William Sommers to Josiah Child, 1,000*l.*
" " Abraham Otgher to Abraham Otgher, Junior, 1,000*l.*
15 " Grace Willis and Francis Willis to George Papillon, 200*l.*
" " Godfrey Harrison to Alderman John Moore, 2,000*l.*
17 " Mary Meade to Matthew Andrews, 612*l.* 10*s.*
" " Matthew Andrews to Mary Meade, 612*l.* 10*s.*
" " Mary Meade to Matthew Andrews, 1,000*l.*
" " Matthew Andrews to Mary Meade, 1,000*l.*
15 May Gilbert Thacker to [not stated], 500*l.*
24 " William Jarret to Francis Tyssen, 450*l.*
" " James and Sara Whitchurch to Humphrey Edwyn, 250*l.*
" " Humphrey Edwyn to James Whitchurch, 250*l.*
" " Abraham Dolins to William Jarret, 1,000*l.*
" " Sir John Frederick to Thomas Chown, 400*l.*
" " Joseph Denham to Robert Thomson, 400*l.*
5 June Mary Plampin to Humphrey Vernon, 200*l.*
" " Ann Vandenbergh to Nathaniel Herne, 500*l.*
19 " Sir Robert Vyner to Daniel Shelden, 5,000*l.*
28 " Thomas Blount to Joseph Chambrelan, 250*l.*
" " Thomas Winter to Henry Hanson, 400*l.*
" " John Heather to Josiah Childe, 1,200*l.*
" " John Heather to Charles Chambrelan, 300*l.*
" " Henry Powell to Edward Bolle, 1,000*l.*
12 July John Clarke to Josia Child, 500*l.*
" " William Jarret to Humphrey Edwyn, 300*l.*
" " Thomas Lewis to Abraham Dolins, 2,000*l.*
" " Munn Brown to Nathaniel Letten, 400*l.*
" " Isaac Delillers to John Addis, 500*l.*
" " John Addis to Thomas Neal, 1,000*l.*
" " Francis Dashwood to Abraham Dolins, 1,500*l.*
" " Thomas Lewis to Francis Tyssen, 500*l.*
" " Thomas Lewis to Peter Herringhook, 500*l.*
" " William Rawstorne to Sir George Downing, 600*l.*
" " William Rawstorne to Humphrey Edwyn, 250*l.*
" " William Jarret to John Green, 200*l.*
" " Sir James Edwards to Edward Bolle, 800*l.*
" " John and Elizabeth Lane to Michael Davison, 500*l.*
" " Giles Dunster to Richard Booth, 500*l.*
" " Michael Davison to Elizabeth Lane, 500*l.*

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12 July Humphrey Edwyn to Abraham Dolins, 400*l.*
9 Aug. George Lord Berkeley to Sir Kingsmill Lucy, 500*l.*
13 Sept. Francis Willoughby to Humphrey Edwyn, 375*l.*
" " John Bull to Captain Nicholas Whitby, 500*l.*
" " William Galt to William Potter, 300*l.*
" " David Clarke to John Addis, 80*l.*
18 " William Sherington to John Gunston, 1,000*l.*
" " Christopher Thomlinson to Edward Waldo, 1,000*l.*
20 " Sir Thomas Gerrard to Sir William Thomson, 200*l.*
" " Sir Thomas Gerrard to Nathaniel Herne, 400*l.*
" " Sir Thomas Gerrard to John Gunston, 200*l.*
" " Sir Thomas Gerrard to Edward Waldoe, 200*l.*
7 Oct. James Whitchurch to Josia Child, 500*l.*
" " Humphrey Edwyn to Christopher Willoughby, 25*l.*
" " Christopher Thomlinson to George Papillon, 1,000*l.*
" " Michael Dunkin executor of Quarles Brown to Peter Daniel, 500*l.*
" " Michael Dunkin to Henry Johnson, 500*l.*
" " William Sherington to Richard Booth, 500*l.*
" " Edward Dallow to John Addis, 400*l.*
11 Dec. Humphrey Edwyn to Abraham Dolins, 500*l.*
" " Joseph Prickman to Justus Otgher, 500*l.*
" " Henry Hampson to Peter Vincke, 800*l.*
" " George Lord Berkeley to George Papillon, 500*l.*
" " George Papillon to John Addis, 500*l.*
" " John Addis to Dormer Shepard, 680*l.*
31 " John Addis to William Sedgwick, 200*l.*
" " John Addis to Joseph Lindsey, 200*l.*
" " George Papillon to John Addis, 200*l.*
" " William Hampton to Samuel Mellish, 2,000*l.*
" " Samuel Mellish to William Hampton, 2,000*l.*
" " Gerard Loyd to Christopher Boone, 550*l.*
" " John Addis to Humphrey Robinson, 400.

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8 Jan. Giles Whittal to Richard Whittal, 300*l.*
" " John Juryn, Senior, to Robert Oldsworth, 500*l.*
17 " Sir John Moore to Christopher Willoughby, 500*l.*
" " Thomas Neale to Henry Griffith, 1,000*l.*
" " Thomas Papillon to George Lord Berkeley, 500*l.*
29 " John Lindsey to Thomas Griffith, 400*l.*
" " Elizabeth Juxon to John Hobby, 2,000*l.*
" " Elizabeth Juxon to John Hobby, 100*l.*
" " John Hobby to Elizabeth Juxon, 2,000*l.*
" " John Hobby to Elizabeth Juxon, 100*l.*
" " George Papillon to John Addis, 450*l.*
" " John Addis to Humphrey Robinson, 100*l.*
" " John Addis to Isabella Wheat, 400*l.*

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29 Jan. James Edwards to George Perryer, 600*l.*
" " Elizabeth Juxon to Joseph Herne, 1,000*l.*
5 Mar. Sir James Edwards to William Jarret, 600*l.*
" " John Dashwood to William Dashwood, 2,000*l.*
" " William Dashwood to William Jarret, 600*l.*
" " William Mead to William Little, 500*l.*
" " John Bull to Abraham Otgher, Junior, 300*l.*
" " John Bull to Joseph Prickman, 200*l.*
" " Sir William Hooker to Ann Waring, 500*l.*
" " William Mead to John Addis, 1,100*l.*
" " William Dashwood to James Ward, 700*l.*
" " William Dashwood to John Pym, 700*l.*
9 Apr. John Bull to Nathaniel Mounteney, 400*l.*
" " Joanna Crowder to Susanna Blackwell, 600*l.*
" " William Jarret to Joseph Prickman, 400*l.*
" " John Juryn, Senior, to Thomas Griffith, 1,000*l.*
" " Abraham Dolins to Sir John Moore, 1,200*l.*
" " George Papillon to John Addis, 150*l.*
" " John Addis to William Kiffen, 1,400*l.*
" " Sir Steven Langham to Sir John Moore, 1,000*l.*
" " Captain J. Van Brookhaven to Sir John Moore, 200*l.*
" " Robert Thomson to Captain J. Van Brookhaven, 500*l.*
10 " John Lindsey to Josiah Child, 1,200*l.*
" " Charles Price to Robert Knightley, 100*l.*
7 May Christopher Willoughby to Thomas Daval, 500*l.*
" " Edward Bushel to Sir John Moore, 515*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.*
" " George Lord Berkeley to Elizabeth Hill, 500*l.*
" " John Billingsly to Daniel Rawlinson, 1,200*l.*
" " George Papillon to Sir James Edwards, 1,000*l.*
" " Charles Thorold to Robert Styles, 2,000*l.*
" " Major Robert Thomson to James Ward, 1,000*l.*
16 " William Soame to John Cholmley, 250*l.*
" " Francis Millington to Josia Child, 1,500*l.*
" " Sir William Thomson to Sir John Moore, 1,000*l.*
" " Thomas Shetterden to James Ward, 400*l.*
30 " George Willoughby to George Lord Berkeley, 500*l.*
" " George Willoughby to Sir John Moore, 500*l.*
" " Christopher Thomlinson to John Bull, 500*l.*
" " Nicholas Whitby to Richard Booth, 500*l.*
" " Mrs. Wibrow Fenton to Wm. Blennerhayset, 500*l.*
11 July Thomas Green to Thomas Woodcock, 400*l.*
" " Christopher Willoughby to Simon Lewis, 500*l.*
" " Christopher Willoughby to Humphrey Edwin, 70*l.*
" " John Bull to Christopher Thomlinson, 500*l.*
" " Robert Thomson to Nathaniel Herne, 500*l.*
" " Henry Hampson to Edward Dudson, 800*l.*

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11 July	George Lord Berkeley to Humphrey Edwin, 400*l.*
,, ,,	Humphrey Edwin to Daniel Sheldon, 200*l.*
,, ,,	Humphrey Edwin to Sir Wm. Thomson, 200*l.*
,, ,,	Alice Stanford to Michael Davison, 500*l.*
,, ,,	Michael Davison to Alice Stanford, 500*l.*
,, ,,	Sir Wm. Turner to George Lord Berkeley, 500*l.*
,, ,,	John Clerke to Sir John Moore, 400*l.*
,, ,,	Robert Thomson to Sir John Moore, 1,000*l.*
,, ,,	Robert Thomson to Christopher Thomlinson, 1,000*l.*
,, ,,	William Kiffen to Moses Bathurst, 1,000*l.*
,, ,,	Henry Hunter to Edward Rudge, 1,000*l.*
29 Aug.	John Stafford to George Lord Berkeley, 600*l.*
5 Sept.	Robert Thomson to Joseph Herne, 500*l.*
,, ,,	John Clarke to Josia Childe, 400*l.*
,, ,,	James Litleton to Josia Childe, 500*l.*
,, ,,	John Lethulier to Josia Childe, 1,000*l.*
,, ,,	Robert Stiles to Josia Childe, 1,000*l.*
,, ,,	William Jollife to Josia Childe, 1,000*l.*
,, ,,	Robert Pearson to Josia Childe, 300*l.*
,, ,,	Frederick Harvey to Robert Maisters, 375*l.*
,, ,,	George Lord Berkeley to Sir John Moore, 1,000*l.*
,, ,,	George Lord Berkeley to Edmund Dethick, 500*l.*
,, ,,	George Lord Berkeley to Robert Masters, 200*l.*
,, ,,	George Lord Berkeley to William Meade, 1,000*l.*
,, ,,	Sir Steven Langham to John Doget, 1,000*l.*
,, ,,	Robert Blackborne to Sir John Moore, 400*l.*
,, ,,	Thomas Green to Thomas Murthwait, 175*l.*
,, ,,	Edward Dudson to Andrew Duncan, 1,000*l.*
,, ,,	Sir George Downing to John Upton, 600*l.*
,, ,,	Nicholas Roberts to Edward Palmer, 700*l.*
,, ,,	William Kiffin to John Faringdon, 400*l.*
,, ,,	Abraham Dolins to George Willoughby, 150*l.*
,, ,,	Henry Hanson to Charles Bertie, 1,000*l.*
,, ,,	Richard Hutchinson, Junior, to Wm. Rivet, 200*l.*
,, ,,	Dame Susannah Riccard to John Bull, 1,000*l.*
,, ,,	Dame Riccard to George Willoughby, 500*l.*
,, ,,	Dame Riccard to Richard Foote, 500*l.*
,, ,,	Edward Dudson to Henry Hanson, 800*l.*
12 ,,	Sarah Collins to Richard White, 1,000*l.*
,, ,,	Richard White to Sarah Collins, 1,000*l.*
,, ,,	Sir Steven Langham to Daniel Sheldon, 263*l.* 00*s.* 8*d.*
,, ,,	Sarah Collins to Nathaniel Herne, 500*l.*
15 Oct.	George Lord Berkeley to Sir John Moore, 1,000*l.*
,, ,,	Richard Hutchinson to William Rivet, 200*l.*
,, ,,	Sir Kingsmill Lucy to George Lord Berkeley, 500*l.*
24 ,,	John Godschal to Daniel Sheldon, 1,000*l.*
,, ,,	Richard Hutchinson, Junior, to Sir John Moore, 500*l.*

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24 Oct. Thomas Shatterden to Nathaniel Herne, 200*l.*
19 Nov. Ann Lant to Christopher Boone, 2,475*l.*
" " Christopher Boone to Ann Lant, 2,475*l.*
" " Robert Oldsworth to George Lord Berkeley, 500*l.*
26 " Elizabeth Champnes to Charles Aston, 200*l.*
" " Elizabeth Champnes to Charles Aston, 975*l.*
" " Charles Aston to Elizabeth Champnes, 975*l.*
" " Christopher Thomlinson to Thomas Daval, 500*l.*
" " Thomas Griffith to Josia Child, 1,400*l.*
" " Thomas Pearle to Abraham Dolins, 500*l.*
" " Thomas and Mary Manning to Abraham Dolins, 550*l.*
" " Sir John Moore to Godfrey Harrison, 2,000*l.*
" " Godfrey Harrison to George Willoughby, 2,000*l.*
" " William Bulkley to John Cooke, 200*l.*
" " Peter Vinck to Henry Hampson, 800*l.*
" " George Willoughby to Nathaniel Letten, 1,500*l.*
" " Nathaniel Herne to Major Robert Thomson, 100*l.*
" " Dame Susanna Riccard to Nathaniel Herne, 1,000*l.*
" " Nathaniel Herne to Dame Susanna Riccard, 1,000*l.*
" " Rebekah Sherbrooke to Thomas Papillon, 500*l.*
" " Ann Waring to John Christopher Mayerne, 1,500*l.*
" " Sir Thomas Bludworth to Thomas Glover, 1,000*l.*
" " Sir Thomas Bludworth to Humphrey Edwin, 1,200*l.*
" " Humphrey Edwin to Sir Thomas Bludworth, 1,200*l.*
3 Dec. Nicholas Roberts to Dorothy Chapleyn, 200*l.*
" " Nathaniel Herne to Joseph Herne, 100*l.*
" " Adam Cliff to Abraham Dolins, 600*l.*
" " Humphrey Graves to John Bathurst, 500*l.*
24 " Sir James Edwards to Daniel Sheldon, 1,000*l.*

General Journal, 1669–71.

Journalized entries of receipts and payments, April 1, 1669, to April 30, 1671. (*Accountant-General's Records, vol. xxx.*)

General Cash Journal, 1671–5.

From May 1, 1671, to December 31, 1675. (*Accountant-General's Records, vols. xxxii, xxxiii, and xxxv.*)

General Ledgers, 1669–75.

From April 1, 1669, to December 31, 1675. (*Accountant-General's Records, vols. xxix, xxxi, and xxxiv.*)

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APPENDIX I

[*Transcript of Sir Richard Munden's Journal from May 4 to May 8, 1673, from Pepys MS. 2350.*]

From 3 att noo: to this day noo: wind att E b S a smale gale & temperate weather w^th^ Smooth water we laye by from 12 at noone till 2 of the clock then made sayle & steared W ½ S 62 miles and before day saw a shipp and at six in y^e^ morning spoke with him Wee then saw the Land bareing W ½ N and dista about 12 Leags & when the Master of the small vessell came on board me He Informed me that the Island was taken by the Dutch the first of January last past and that Cap^t^ Medford had carryed all the people off w^th^ Cap^t^ Johnson & a french man in his Company and soe went for Braizle and there hired this vessell & sent two of his Ma^ts^ in her to lye off and on about 11 or 12 Leags to windward of the Island to giue all English men notice of itt We haueing noe other Buisness to doe haueing for some weeks before made our ffeild Cullors and appointed our officers & euery day mustred our men doubting w^t^ we are nowe very well certifyed In; soe we laye by from 6 till 12 att noone because they should not deserne us from the Island and at one of the Clock bore up & left the rest of the shipps to come in att night Att sunn sett sent our pinace being well manned & armed being six leagues of the Island sent Cap^t^ Keigwin with a Black in her to Discouer the strength of the Roade.

Att one in the Morning being neere the Island we clap^t^ by till the rest of our ffleet came up with us and at 7 in y^e^ Morning Cap^t^ Keigwin Came on board and acquainted me that noe shipps laye in the Roade Then I added to my former Numb^r^ for the shoare w^ch^ was 200 & landed 350 These men we putt on board the *Castle* and the Smale Portugize and left them boats to land them I bore away haueing a prosperous gale at ENE and by ½ an hower past 12 at Noone came in sight of S^th^ Valleye where I saw the Dutch Cullers fflying and herd their Drumes and Immediatly were saluted by their fiue Gunns butt for bore to Answer them knowing y^t^ y^t^ was not the place I designed for; butt before I past them I bestowed a broad side on them. When we opened Chappell Valley we heard largly from them they haueing in this fort 29 Gunns we gaue them our shoare broadside and luft in 10 fath^m^ water and lett goe our Ankor ab^t^ a good Pistoll shott from the

Sunday—4

Long from the Lizard E^t^ to the Island } d—m 06=29

from d—m
S^t^ Iago=19=17

Sight of a Sayle

Morn: d—m
amp: var E^t^ 00=24

Euen: d—m
amp: var E^t^ 00=49

Sent my Pinace with Cap^t^ Keigwin to discouer the strength of y^e^ roade

May 1673
Munday y^e^ 5th

Three hundd & Fifty Men Landed in Prosperous Valley

Ankered in Chappell Valley Bay

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Crane Gunns and Just in the midle of the Baye then it was w^th^ in a Qua^r^ of one the Rest of our shipps not yett in sight w^ch^ Incorridgd the Enimy & we not able to doe them that damage that other wise we might haueing butt 74 in Numb^r^ on board About one hower & a halfe afterwards our other shipp came in butt when here did not take that care y^t^ ought to be taken in the letting goe their ankors w^ch^ caused y^m^ to goe ffarther of y^n^ they or I were willing they should soe that though they did offend the Enimy they tooke noe shott from us about ½ an hower after 4 findeing our selues disabled for men & doubting the safty of our ffrigott

Cutt from Chappell Valley & Ankered in Breakneck Valley

I cutt & towed to the westward & lett goe my anker under breake neck Valley & Resolued to warpe in the *W^m^ & Thomas* that night y^t^ we might be against the ffort in the morning when our Armey came downe butt they noe sooner saw vs lett goe our Anker

A Flagg of Truce sent of from y^e^ Island and Surrendered itt

againe butt they came off w^th^ a Flagg of Truce and Surrendered the Island upon Condition that they might not be striped of their Cloths for w^ch^ I gaue them under my hand Provided it had not bim [*bin*] y^e^ Englishes formerly by this time it begun to be darke

Sent Cap^t^ Piles on shoare to Take possesion of the Fort

Soe I sent Cap^t^ Piles on shoare w^th^ the Kings Cullers and to take possesion of the ffort & with him a Trumpeter to Cap^t^ Keiguine Commander of the Land Forces that he might march his men downe to the Fort to prevent any Iniurey might be don to y^e^ Island by our Soldiers Till this moment of time I haue not heard from Cap^t^ Hobbs Cap^t^ Hobbs [1] who I ordered against S^th^ Valley they haueing receiued our broad sides as wee past allong who fired butt three Gunns against him and struck their Cullers howeuer he was pleased to send his boate on shoare more then once to fetch the Plunder of the Place & neuer so kind to y^e^ Kings Service to giue me an acc^t^ of any thing till night they yeilded betweene 3 & 4 of the Clock This I impute to Ignorance and Obstinacie which he & some others vsually Practice

May 1673 Munday—5 S^th^ Valley Fort Yeilded

Tuesday the 6

This Morning I sent for most the Prisoners from the shoare and by ii a Clock our Soldiers marched into the Fort: By some English Prisoners I am certainly Informed that we may houerly expect the Dutch Fleet from India & w^th^ them Some men of warr soe Certaine they are of their speedy Comeing that they did beleiue us to be some part of their Fleete; Wee are aduised that 4 of our East India were of this Place 14 dayes [2] agone w^ch^ makes me feare that we shall not be soe happy as to meet w^th^ any of our Arrants. This Euening I went on shoare and tooke a survey of the Fort and Plattforme & appointed Carpenters; & Gunners to repaire all things that we may be in to Receiue an Enimy.

[1] *sic.* [2] Cp. p. 256.

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This day & Yesterday we haue spent in fitting our Shipp haueing had all the Assistance from the Rest of the Fleete This Euening y^e^ Portuguize Vessell went out to Cruse to windward of the Island for Six dayes with order to speake with: any foure Sayle; and if more in sight to make the best of his waye to giue us notice Wednesday 7 The portugueze sent out to cruse for six dayes

This morning we were away about 5 a Clock in the Morning & w^th^ the Helpe of all the Boates and warpes we gott her close up under the Sugar Loafe point y^t^ we might be as farr to weather as itt was posible; against the Dutch should come: In the afternoone y^e^ *Castle* Came from Prosperous Valley & anchored w^th^ in us. Thursday 8 warped up under the Shuger loafe point

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APPENDIX II

A
Relation
of the Re-taking of the Island
of
St. Helena
and three Dutch East-India Ships.

(*British Museum 8122, i. 38 (8).*)

On the 4th of May last in the Morning, We came in sight of the Isle of St. Helena; in two hours after, We had concluded what to do, for the re-taking of the Island, and Ordered 200 Men, with Field-Colours and Officers, appointed to be put on Board a Vessel, out of which they might be Landed, whilst We attacked the Ships in the Road, in case there should be any there; About 11, in the Forenoon, the *Assistance* Fregat made Sayl, lay to till the Evening, and came in to Us in the Night; The next Morning about seven of the clock, all our Ships being to Windward of the Isle about five Miles, Our Boat came on Board and told us, That the Road was clear, so We immediately put 200 Men more on Board the *Castle* Fireship, and left her and the other Vessel to Land our 400 men, to Windward of the Island, in Prosperous Bay; The four Men of War, made sayl for the Forts, against which We Anchored about one in the Afternoon, and after four hours Dispute, went to the Westward and there let go our Anchor again, being confident our Men must be Landed, and Gained the Hills before that time, and that by the next Morning We might expect them on the back of the Forts, against which time it was resolved, to have the *William and Thomas*, and one ship more, close under the Fort. The Dutch no sooner saw us come up again, and that We did not intend to leave them, but they came off and yielded the Island, upon condition That they might not be stripped, which We accepted they not yet knowing of any Army that We had Landed; At Sun-set We took Possession of James Fort, and dispatched a Trumpet to Captain Keigwin, Commander of our Land Force, to acquaint him with what had passed, to prevent any Injury that might be done to the Isle by our Men, in their March to the Fort, On the eleventh, between seven and eight in the Evening, a Ship appeared in sight, with a Flag aloft, which We cut after, and by eleven at night,

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came up with her, and took her, which proved one of the Dutch East-India Fleet, sent before with the new Governor for St. Helena. On the 26 early in the Morning, We saw our Flags on the Mount hoisted, which gave us an account that there were six sayle in sight; About ten in the forenoon We had Advice, that four were coming one way, and two the other, who immediately appeared in sight, at both ends of the Island; They no sooner saw us, but clapped by a wind, and We after them; The *Assistance*, the *William and Thomas*, and the *Castle* Fireship to the Eastward, one Merchant Man, after Four, The *Mary and Martha* with two Merchant Men, to the Westward, after two, but it being a very hard Gale, We could do nothing on them, At night the *Assistance* got up with their Vice-Admiral, and the *William and Thomas* Their Admiral, whom they kept company all night, and the 27 in the Morning took them, but not in company one with the other, every Ship steering his own course, believing by that, to lose us. The said four Men of War, Fireship, and three Dutch East-India Prizes together with five English East-India Ships, who came in Company with the Men of War, are since safely arrived. (Title-page and two more.)

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